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I believe that in a manga, the artist is akin to God. What he does is create the characters and the situations in which they will be placed, and after that the characters talk, move and act on their own. After that, all the author does is create a few little miracles.

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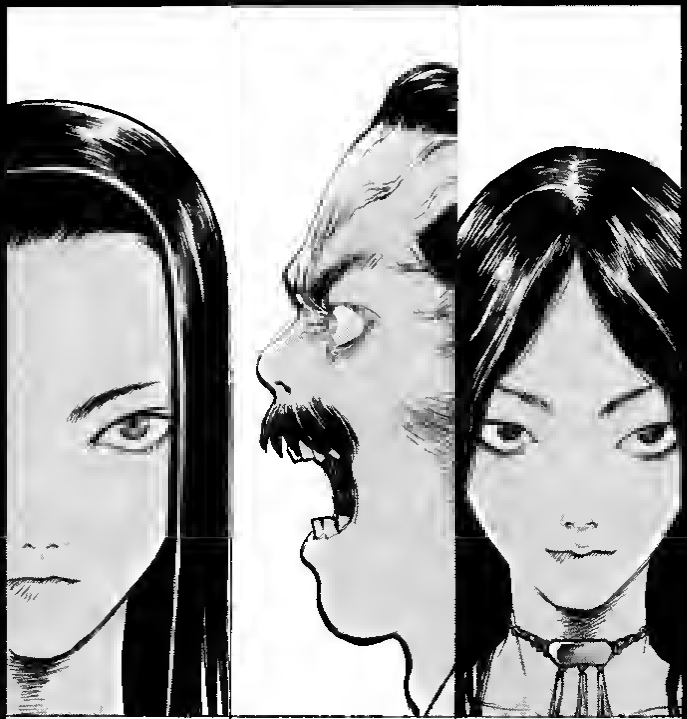


Kaburagi Kiyomi

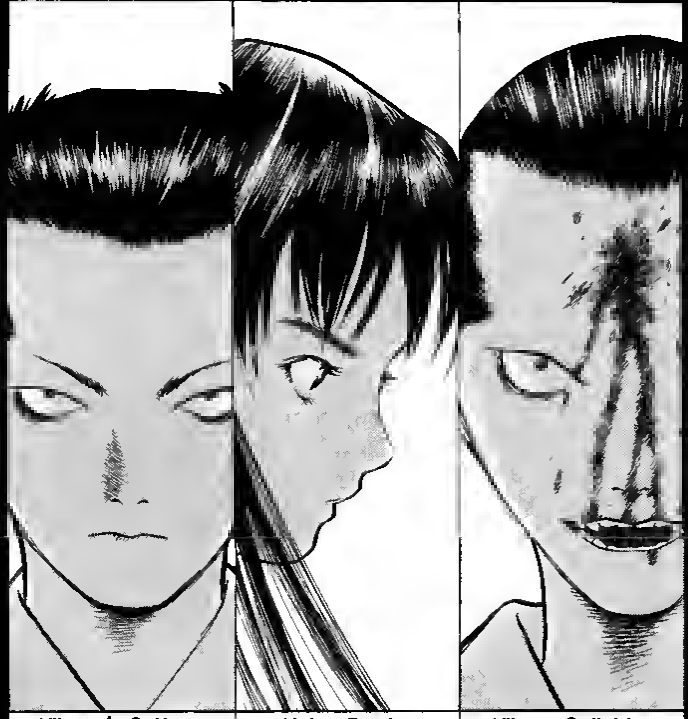
Head of the Photography Club at a nearby high school. She seeks to capture the theme of "evil" on film, by pursuing Kitano-kun. By instigating the members of her photography club to fight him, she succeeds in photographing her goal.

Koiso Heizo

The master of the Koiso-style Kobujutsu dojo, and Ryoko's father. He sees the daughter he raised all on his own fraternizing (or so he thinks) with the devil (Kitano-kun), which makes him very worried.

Kitano's Mother

There is something about her almost frighteningly beautiful looks and gentle personality that connects with Kitano-kun. Still surrounded with mystery.



Kitano's Father

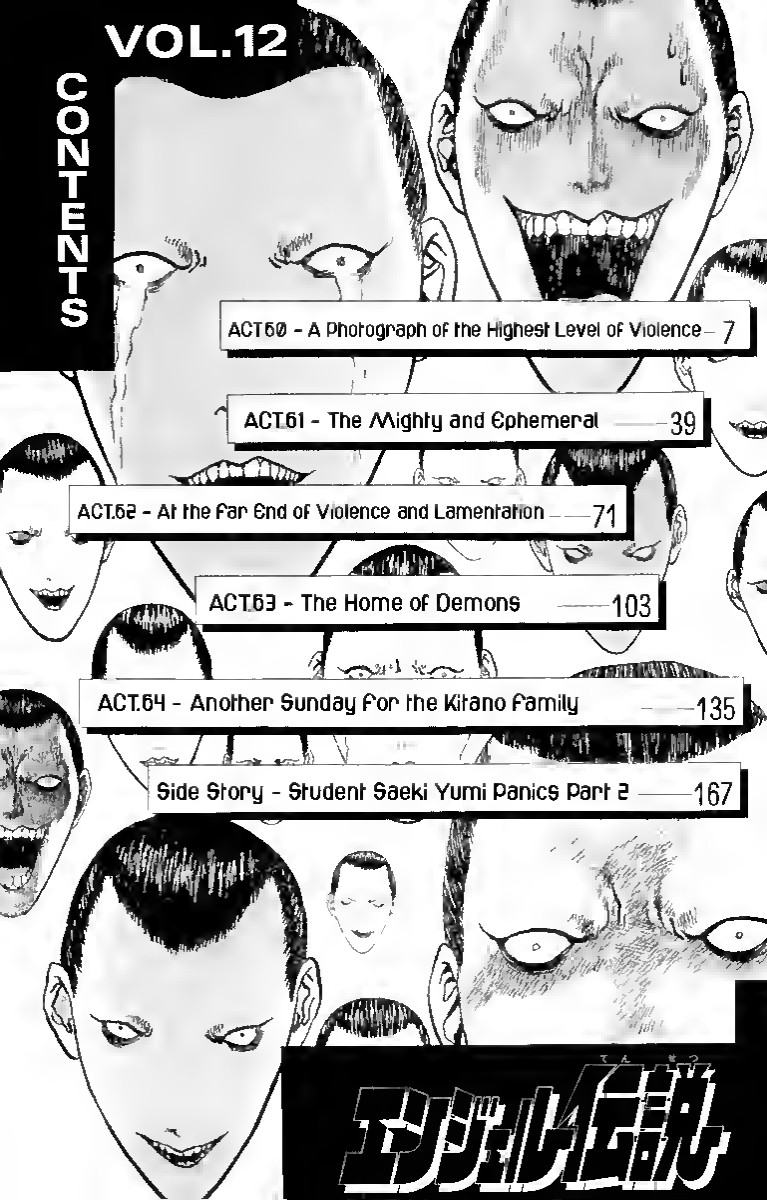
Behind his fearsome, powerful looks lies a very kind-hearted man. A regular old salaryman who has trouble flagging down taxis.

Koiso Ryoko

A beautiful female Kobudo martial artist learning the Koiso school of martial arts directly from her father. She sees through Kitano-kun's appearance and finds he has a pure, angelic heart. She is the only person to understand who he really is.

Kitano Seiichiro

A boy with the face of a demon but the heart of an angel. With this appearance, he became the guardian of Hekikuu High School. Despite a number of unfortunate misunderstandings, he is currently enjoying his school life very much.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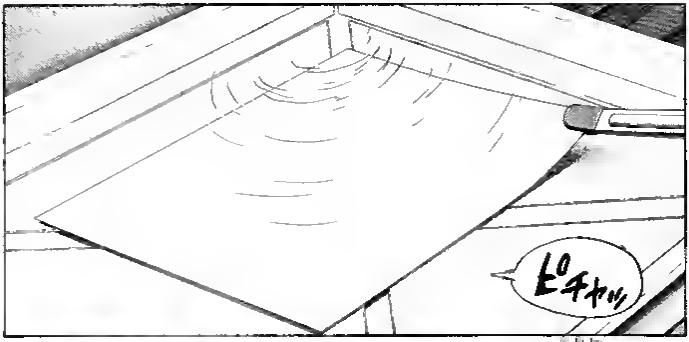

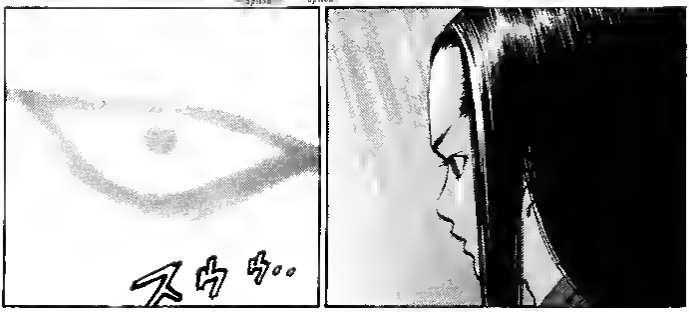

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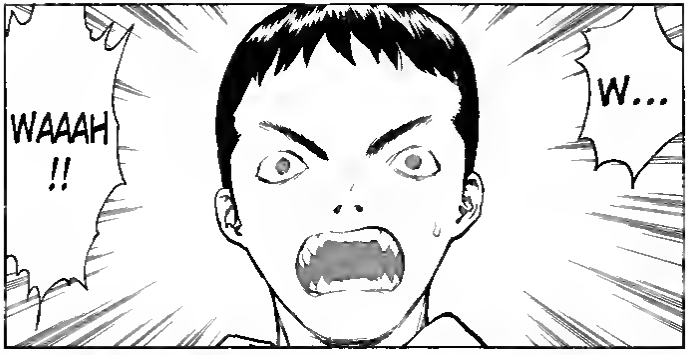

WAAAH !!
W...

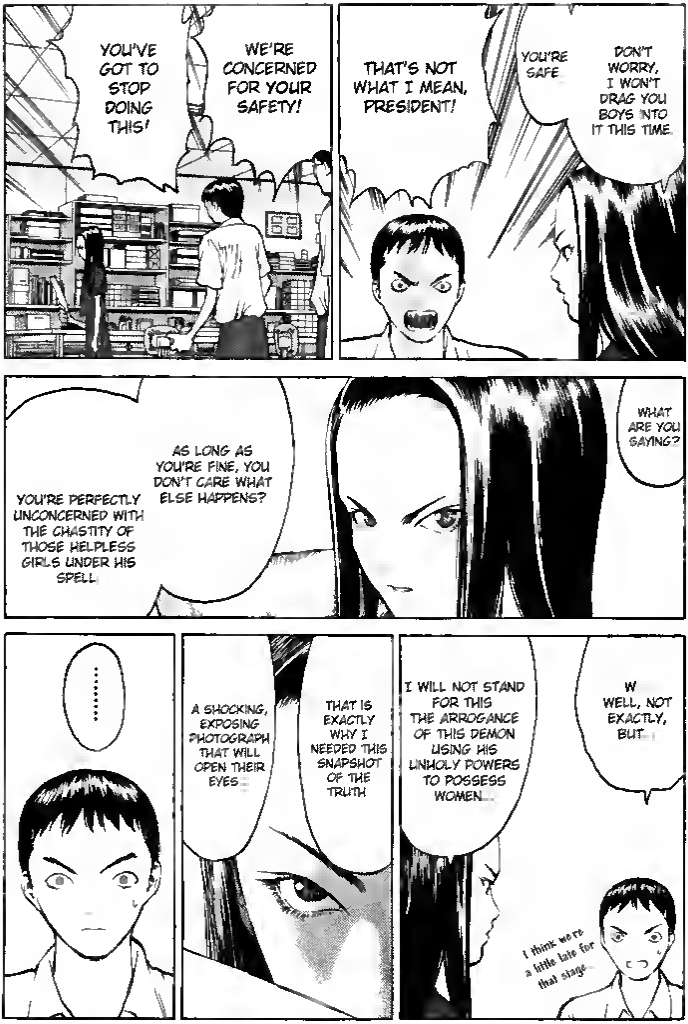
THAT MOMENT...?
TH... THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE GOING FOR...?
THAT WAS THE ABSOLUTE PERFECT SHOT
HOW COULD I MISS SUCH A GOLDEN OPPORTU-NITY?

K... KITANO...?
WH... WHAT IS THIS...?
PRETTY GOOD, ISN'T IT?

.....

I'VE FINALLY CAPTURED IT ON FILM.
THIS IS IT, THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF VIOLENCE.

IN FACT, WE'RE NOT EVEN AT THE HARD PART YET.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WE'RE NOT DONE YET...
!
YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED, AND WE ALL MADE IT OUT ALIVE...
UMM. WELL, THAT'S GOOD, THEN.
WHA
I TOLD YOU, I WANT TO SAVE THOSE POOR GIRLS.
B..BUT, YOU TOOK THE PICTURE...
HUH?!
WE ONLY MADE IT OUT WITH OUR LIVES YESTERDAY BECAUSE WE WERE LUCKY!
GIVE IT UP, ALREADY!
TH-THAT'S CRAZY!
I WANT TO OPEN THEIR EYES TO THE TRUTH THEY HAVE BEEN DECEIVED FROM SEEING.


YOU'VE GOT TO STOP DOING THIS!
WE'RE CONCERNED FOR YOUR SAFETY!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN, PRESIDENT!
YOU'RE SAFE
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T DRAG YOU BOYS INTO IT THIS TIME.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
AS LONG AS YOU'RE FINE, YOU DON'T CARE WHAT ELSE HAPPENS?
YOU'RE PERFECTLY UNCONCERNED WITH THE CHASTITY OF THOSE HELPLESS GIRLS UNDER HIS SPELL.
.....
A SHOCKING, EXPOSING PHOTOGRAPH THAT WILL OPEN THEIR EYES...
THAT IS EXACTLY WHY I NEEDED THIS SNAPSHOT OF THE TRUTH
I WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS THE ARROGANCE OF THIS DEMON USING HIS UNHOLY POWERS TO POSSESS WOMEN...
W WELL, NOT EXACTLY, BUT...
I think we're a little late for that stage...

UH... BUT...
I MEAN, WE'VE GONE ALONG WITH YOU THIS FAR
MIGHT AS WELL SEE IT THROUGH UNTIL THE END
I think so
Are we included in this?

A ALL RIGHT I UNDERSTAND
WE'LL GO WITH YOU, PRESIDENT
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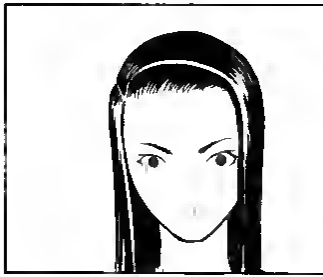

WE'LL WATCH OUT FOR YOU UNTIL THE VERY END, PRESIDENT
YOU CAN RELY ON US
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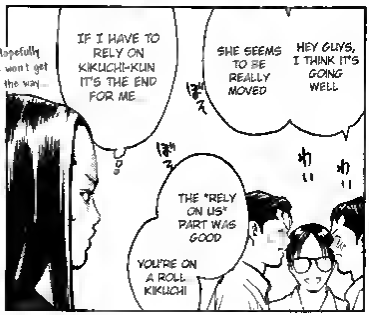
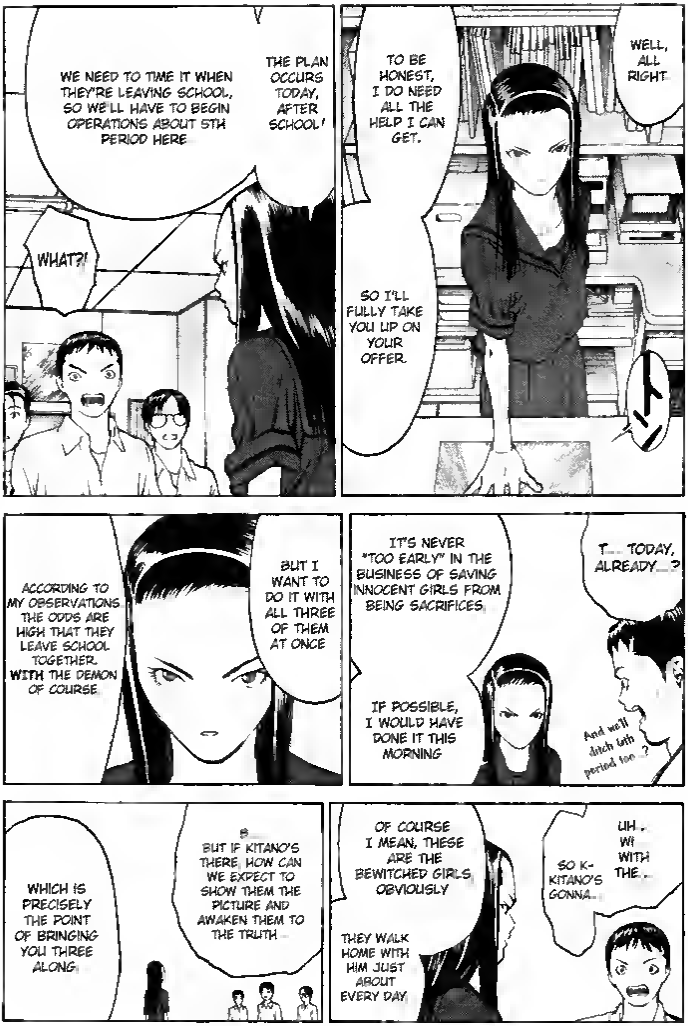
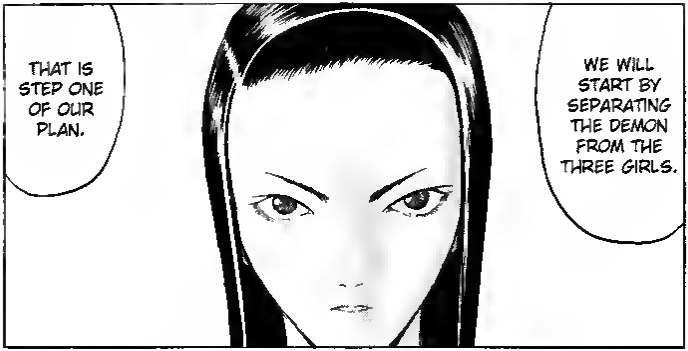
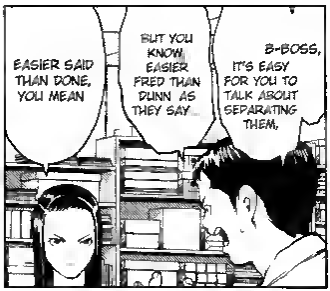
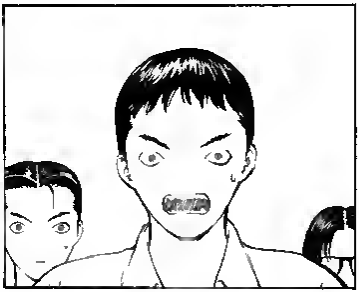

Hopefully he won't get in the way...
IF I HAVE TO RELY ON KIKUCHI-KUN IT'S THE END FOR ME
SHE SEEMS TO BE REALLY MOVED
HEY GUYS, I THINK IT'S GOING WELL
THE "RELY ON US" PART WAS GOOD
YOU'RE ON A ROLL KIKUCHI

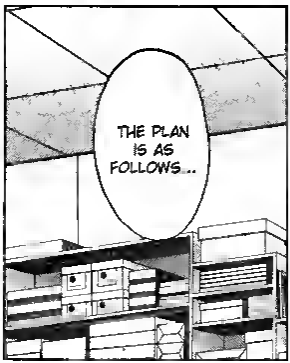
KIKUCHI-KUN, ARE YOU...
GEEZ, DON'T BE SHY, BOSS
WE'LL ALWAYS BE ON YOUR SIDE, YOU KNOW THAT


WE NEED TO TIME IT WHEN THEY'RE LEAVING SCHOOL, SO WE'LL HAVE TO BEGIN OPERATIONS ABOUT 5TH PERIOD HERE
THE PLAN OCCURS TODAY, AFTER SCHOOL!
WHAT?!
TO BE HONEST, I DO NEED ALL THE HELP I CAN GET.
WELL, ALL RIGHT
SO I'LL FULLY TAKE YOU UP ON YOUR OFFER.
ACCORDING TO MY OBSERVATIONS, THE ODDS ARE HIGH THAT THEY LEAVE SCHOOL TOGETHER, WITH THE DEMON OF COURSE.
BUT I WANT TO DO IT WITH ALL THREE OF THEM AT ONCE
IT'S NEVER "TOO EARLY" IN THE BUSINESS OF SAVING INNOCENT GIRLS FROM BEING SACRIFICES.
IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD HAVE DONE IT THIS MORNING
T... TODAY, ALREADY...?
And we'll ditch 5th period too?
WHICH IS PRECISELY THE POINT OF BRINGING YOU THREE ALONG.
B... BUT IF KITANO'S THERE, HOW CAN WE EXPECT TO SHOW THEM THE PICTURE AND AWAKEN THEM TO THE TRUTH...
OF COURSE I MEAN, THESE ARE THE BEWITCHED GIRLS, OBVIOUSLY
THEY WALK HOME WITH HIM JUST ABOUT EVERY DAY.
SO K-KITANO'S GONNA...
UH, W/ WITH THE...


THAT IS STEP ONE OF OUR PLAN.
WE WILL START BY SEPARATING THE DEMON FROM THE THREE GIRLS.


EASIER SAID THAN DONE, YOU MEAN
BUT YOU KNOW, EASIER FRED THAN DUNN AS THEY SAY...
B-BOSS, IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT SEPARATING THEM.



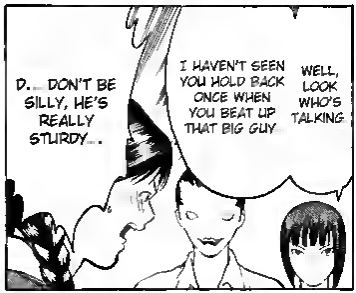

THE PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS...

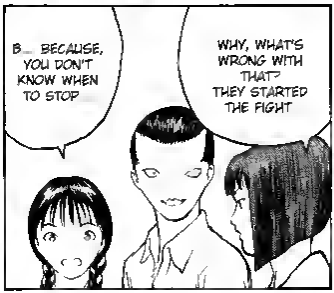
REMEMBER, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I WAS ALREADY CONSIDERING DOING BY MYSELF, SO IT SHOULDN'T BE HARD FOR THREE BOYS
OF COURSE, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF MAKING YOU UNDERTAKE ANYTHING DANGEROUS
It's hard enough to get you to do what I want

SOME PEOPLE YOU'VE NEVER MET BEFORE?!
WHAT? AND THEN THEY STARTED TO ATTACK YOU?
SO THEY TOTALLY BLOCKED MY WAY OUT.
YEAH IT HAPPENED RIGHT WHEN I HIT A DEAD-END DURING MY MORNING JOG...
HMMMM
IT WAS REALLY SCARY THOUGH
THANKFULLY I MANAGED TO FIND A WAY AROUND THEM

N... NO, IKUNO!
HUH?
YOUR IDEA OF "TALKING-TO" INVOLVES MORE FISTS AND FEET THAN SPEAKING.

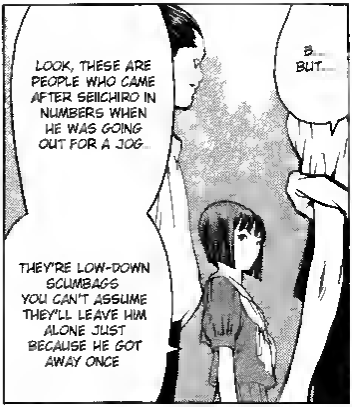
I CAN GO AND GIVE THEM A GOOD TALKING-TO
WHAT SCHOOL WERE THEY FROM?


D... DON'T BE SILLY, HE'S REALLY STURDY...
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU HOLD BACK ONCE WHEN YOU BEAT UP THAT BIG GUY
WELL, LOOK WHO'S TALKING

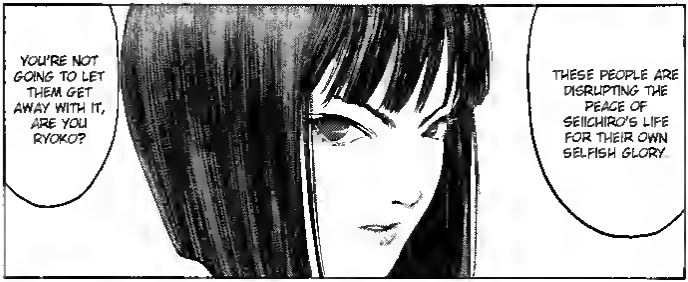

B... BECAUSE, YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO STOP
WHY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? THEY STARTED THE FIGHT

OH, SO THEY MUST HAVE BEEN THUGS
THEY DIDN'T LOOK THAT WAY TO ME, THOUGH
.....

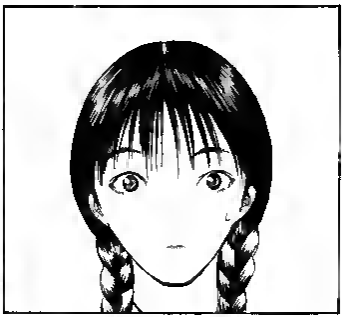
S-STOP SAYING THAT! IT LOOKS MORE PAINFUL WHEN YOU HIT OGISU WITH YOUR BACKHANDS!!
SERIOUSLY, SOMETIMES I JUST CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH.
STURDY OR NOT THERE NEED TO BE BOUNDS


B... BUT...
LOOK, THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAME AFTER SEIICHIRO IN NUMBERS WHEN HE WAS GOING OUT FOR A JOG.
THEY'RE LOW-DOWN SCUMBAGS YOU CAN'T ASSUME THEY'LL LEAVE HIM ALONE JUST BECAUSE HE GOT AWAY ONCE

WELL, EITHER WAY...
IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY MIGHT COME AFTER YOU AGAIN ANYTIME.
IT'S BEST TO SHOW THOSE PEOPLE THEIR PLACE BEFORE THEY GET TOO GREEDY.

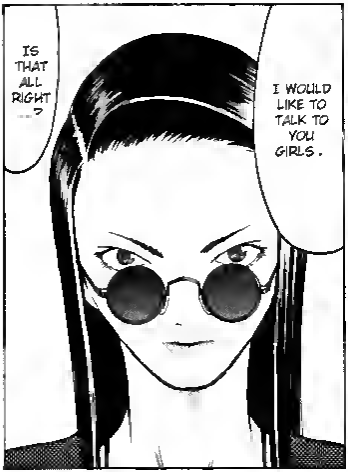

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT, ARE YOU RYOKO?
THESE PEOPLE ARE DISRUPTING THE PEACE OF SEIICHIRO'S LIFE FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH GLORY.

BUT...
W WELL, NO...



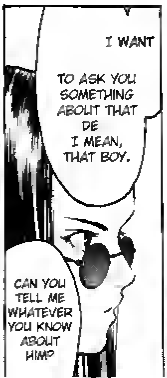
IKUNO!
IF YOU SHOW THEM HOW TOUGH YOU ARE, THEY PROBABLY WON'T TRY TO FIGHT YOU AGAIN
OR YOU COULD JUST STAND UP AND FIGHT THEM
I KNOW YOU CAN GET AWAY, WITH YOUR SPEED.
THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO GAIN BY CONFRONTING THEM.
A-ANYWAYS, IF YOU SEE THEM AGAIN, JUST RUN AWAY
WHY DO YOU ONLY THINK ABOUT THAT KIND OF STUFF?!
HE CAN'T JUST KEEP RUNNING AWAY FOREVER.
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS THE FASTEST WAY TO GET RID OF THEM
WHO COULD IT BE?
YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL?
WH, WHAT'S THAT?
PAGING STUDENT, CLASS 1-11, KITANO SEIICHIRO CLASS 1-11, KITANO SEIICHIRO
YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL. IF YOU ARE STILL ON CAMPUS, PLEASE COME TO THE FACULTY ROOM.
!
cl-ing
cl-ong
cl-ang
cl-ong

OH...
AH!
KITANO-KUN!
I'LL GO AND FIND OUT. YOU GO ON AHEAD.
SORRY. I'M NOT SURE WHAT THIS IS.
WE'LL WAIT, OBVIOUSLY.
SO, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE'RE NOT COLD ENOUGH TO LEAVE HIM TO WALK HOME ALONE
WELL, THEY DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING LIKE "URGENT" OR "EMERGENCY," SO IT'S PROBABLY NOTHING SERIOUS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
I WONDER WHO IT WAS...?
HUH?
!
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING SO ANGRY AT ME?
EVEN THOUGH YOU LEFT IMMEDIATELY WHEN I FORGOT MY BAG...


I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU GIRLS.
IS THAT ALL RIGHT...?

GOOD DAY

YES
THAT BOY...?
KITANO-KUN...?
I'M RATHER INTERESTED IN THAT DEMO... BOY.
SO I'VE BEEN SNOOPING AROUND FOR INFORMATION...


I WANT
TO ASK YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THAT DE
I MEAN, THAT BOY.
CAN YOU TELL ME WHATEVER YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM?

NO, NO, I'M NOT SOLICITING YOU FOR BUSINESS
UMM... SORRY, I DON'T REALLY WANT TO LEARN HOW TO SPEAK ENGLISH BETTER THAN OTHER PEOPLE, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT

DOES HE HAVE RIGHT NOW...?
JUST HOW MANY FEMALE FRIENDS
YES NOW, I'M AFRAID THIS QUESTION MIGHT COME OFF A LITTLE IMPOLITE, BUT...
INTER-ESTED ?
INTER-ESTED
INTER-ESTED
Y-YOU "WATCH" HIM?
WHEN I WATCH HIM, HE'S USUALLY TOGETHER WITH THAT BLONDE KID.
JUST WHEN I'M WALKING BY HIS CLASS
I TOLD YOU, DON'T ASK ME I DON'T KNOW HIS GIRL CONNEC-TIONS...
RIGHT?
WELL... I THINK WE'RE ABOUT THE ONLY GIRLS HE TALKS TO NORMALLY
C-CONNEC-TIONS...
And you have 9 C together...
BUT YOU'RE IN THE CLASS NEXT TO KITANO-KUN'S IKUNO
DON'T ASK ME I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE SPAN OF SEICHIRO'S GIRL CONQUESTS IS
H-HOW MANY...?
WELL...
C CON-QUESTS...?

SO, IT SEEMS THESE THREE ARE THE ONLY ONES TO FALL WITHIN HIS GRASP...
AT LEAST IT'S NO MORE THAN THE NUMBER I OBSERVED AT FIRST
IF THERE WERE MORE VICTIMS IT MIGHT BE HARD TO CONTAIN THE DAMAGE.
A... ANYWAYS, I THINK WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE REALLY FRIENDLY WITH HIM...
SO...
.....
OBVIOUSLY
YOU'RE CLEARLY HIS GIRLFRIEND. ANYONE WOULD AGREE
YEAH, WHY ARE YOU PLAYING DUMB NOW?
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
NOW, IS THERE ONE OF YOU WHO IS THE MOST SACRIFICIAL... I MEAN, GIRLFRIEND-LIKE... TO HIM?
WHAT? ME?!
SO, IT SEEMS HE HAS FOUND HIMSELF A WIFE OF SORTS...
WHICH WOULD MAKE THE OTHER TWO HIS CONCUBINES...
THAT'S WHY THERE ARE NO FIGHTS AMONG THEM. VERY CLEVER...
.....
.....
ME
UMM, YEAH...

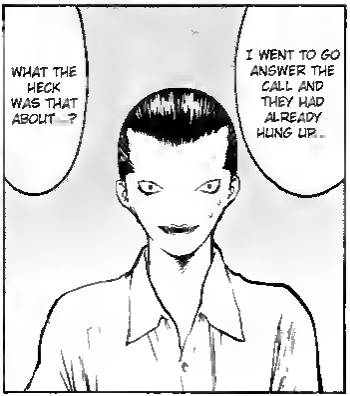
NOT ONLY DOES HE CLAIM THESE POOR, INNOCENT GIRLS AS HIS OWN, HE THEN ENSLAVES THEM TO HIS WILL
I CANNOT FORGIVE THE DEMON
.....
SO... WHAT ABOUT KITANO-KUN...
U... UMM...
!
IF THIS IS NOT EVIL THEN I ASK YOU, WHAT IS...?
THIS IS PSYCHOLOGICAL DEFILEMENT WITH NO REGARD FOR FREE WILL OR HUMAN RIGHTS
THAT WAS FAST...
OH, KITANO-KUN
!

WHA?
HUH?!
WHAT?
KYAAAAAAAA!!

HUH?
I THOUGHT I SAW RYOKO-CHAN HERE JUST NOW...

!

WELL, I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR AHEAD THEY GOT,
BUT I'LL SEE IF I CAN CATCH UP TO THEM.


WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT ABOUT...?
I WENT TO GO ANSWER THE CALL AND THEY HAD ALREADY HUNG UP...

I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE TALKED WITHOUT HIM IN THE WAY
I'M SORRY FOR TREATING YOU SO ROUGHLY
WELL, AT LEAST HE DIDN'T SEE US
WHEW
HUH?!
HMPH
NO SKILLS
WHOA
UHH
GNN

NOW THEN...
WHA?
WHA-?
THESE GIRLS ARE TOTALLY LIFE-THREATENING!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT WASN'T DANGEROUS...
WH- WHAT IS THIS...?
WHY DON'T YOU TELL US WHAT THE MEANING OF ALL THIS IS?
UM...
W-WAIT, HOLD ON IKUNO
HOLD YOUR HORSES
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ATTACKED US
WHAT'S WRONG WITH...
Y... YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO HOLD BACK, THAT'S ALL...
OH, THE HYPOCRISY
LOOK AT THIS POOR GUY AFTER YOUR BACKWARD ROUNDHOUSE KICK
S-SO WHAT? LOOK WHAT YOU DID TO THIS ONE, WITH YOUR BACKHAND!
LOOK CAREFULLY, I DID GO EASY NOTICE HIS GLASSES ARE INTACT...
YEAH, WELL I DIDN'T KNOCK HIS TEETH OUT, EITHER
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!

WHEN YOU START FIGHTING, YOU LOSE ALL CONTROL AND TURN INTO A FEMALE LETHAL WEAPON
LOOK, YOU HAVE TO FACE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE MUCH MORE DANGEROUS THAN YOU THINK
W... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
THAT'S NOT...
UH...
WHY NOT JUST A REGULAR ROUNDHOUSE KICK? YOU WERE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO DO AS MUCH DAMAGE AS POSSIBLE.
BESIDES, WHY DID YOU START OFF WITH A BACKWARD ROUNDHOUSE?
!
I-I JUST WANT YOU TO SEE SOMETHING.
W... WAIT A SECOND...
I.. IKUNO!
HAVING SAID THAT, I WILL BE TAKING OUT THIS GIRL MYSELF
BRACE YOURSELF, AND LOOK UPON IT...
IT'S A PHOTO-GRAPH CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF ONE MAN
NO... IT'S NOT.
I JUST WANT YOU TO SEE A SINGLE PHOTO-GRAPH.
IF THIS IS ANOTHER SNEAKY LITTLE TRICK...
WHAT IS IT?

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU THINKING...?
C... C-COOL...?
HUH?
HUH?
WOW, IT'S KITANO-KUN! HE LOOKS SO COOL!
WHAT A MANLY PORTRAIT
WHAT ARE YOU GIRLS THINKING?!
HE IS NOTHING BUT A WICKED DEMON!
NOTHING IN THIS PICTURE SUGGESTS ANYTHING BUT PURE EVIL AND MALIGNANCE!
HE'S THE DEVIL, ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT HIM!
ARE YOU GOING TO TRY TO PASS HIM OFF AS "COOL," TOO?
HUH?
WH... WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
HE'S A DEMON! A MONSTER! A GOD OF DESTRUC-TION!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WHAT IS SO MANLY ABOUT IT?!
BUT THERE'S NO DENYING HE LOOKS QUITE GALLANT AND MANLY IN THIS PHOTO.

HE'S KIND OF FUNNY
くす,
WELL...
I DON'T THINK HE'S COOL...
RIGHT?
RIGHT?
YOU DON'T THINK SO, RIGHT?!
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FUNNY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, FUNNY?
WELL, I MEAN, YOU DON'T SEE KITANO-KUN ALL SERIOUS LIKE THIS MUCH ANYMORE
IT'S MANLY. THAT IS A MANLY PICTURE I'M NOT LETTING THIS ISSUE REST
WH... WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE GIRLS?
WHAT CAN'T THEY UNDERSTAND ABOUT MY ULTIMATE VIOLENCE PICTURE? WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT...?
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'S WRONG?

AH
HUH? WAIT, ARE YOU GIVING ME THIS PICTURE...?
LUCKY I WISH I COULD HAVE IT
It's a good snap...
SHE LEFT...
I GUESS IT'S MINE, THEN...
YEAH, JUST KEEP IT.
OR IF YOU'D RATHER RETURN IT, I'LL TAKE IT.
She's got negatives
THAT WAS MY ULTIMATE PICTURE...
THE GREATEST POSSIBLE PICTURE THAT I SPENT ALL THAT TIME SEARCHING FOR...
THE GREATEST LEVEL OF VIOLENCE...
THE INSTANT OF ULTIMATE EVIL...
最大級の凶行なのよ
最大級の凶行なのよ
最大級の凶行なのよ
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ULTIMATE VIOLENCE, ULTIMATE VIOLENCE, ULTIMATE VIOLENCE, ULTIMATE VIOLENCE...

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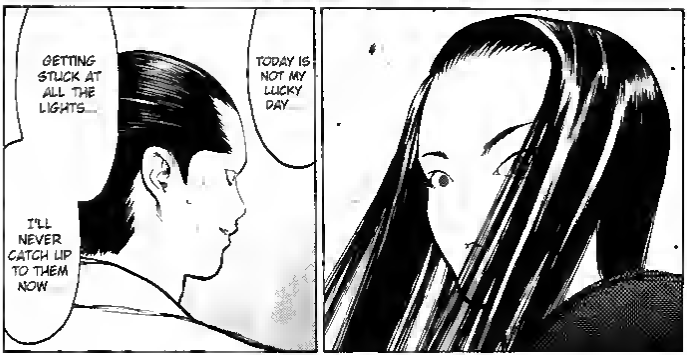

GETTING STUCK AT ALL THE LIGHTS...
TODAY IS NOT MY LUCKY DAY...
I'LL NEVER CATCH UP TO THEM NOW...

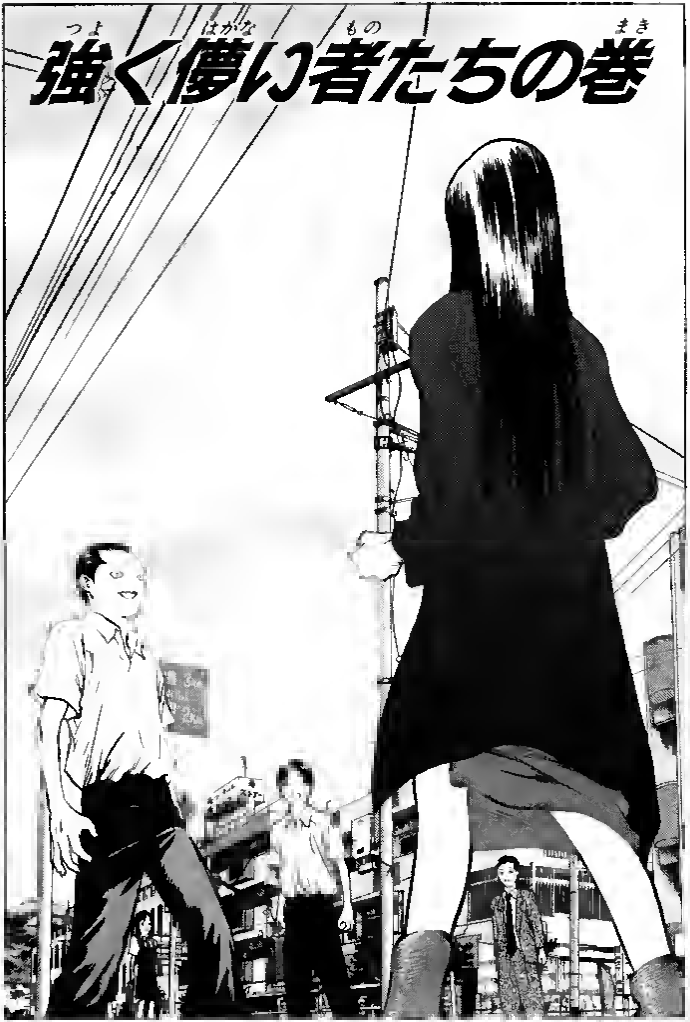
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT...
YOU USED YOUR WICKED POWERS ON THOSE GIRLS...
YOU MADE THEM YOUR SLAVES..
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR USING SUCH OVERWHELMINGLY CONVINCING ILLUSIONS
THAT EVEN A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL VIOLENCE CANNOT FRIGHTEN THEM. .
NO MATTER HOW SHOCKING, HOW UNBELIEVABLE,
HOW TERRIBLE THAT PHOTO MAY BE...

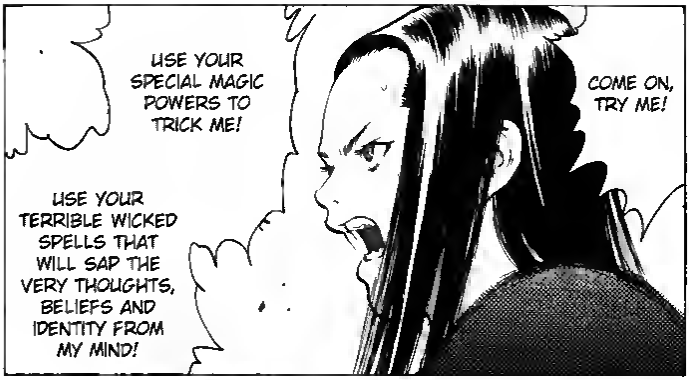
!
WH-
HUH?
WHA ...?
WHOA

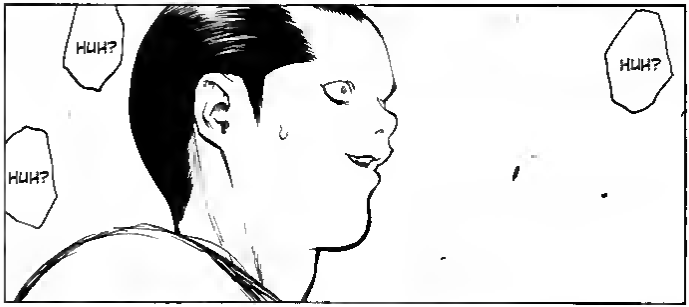
WHOAA!
COME ON! TRY IT ON ME!
TRY TO BRAINWASH ME LIKE YOU DID TO THOSE GIRLS!
USE YOUR MAGIC THAT MAKES EVEN THE MOST WITHERINGLY POWERFUL PHOTOGRAPHS USELESS!
HUH?
HUH?
WHAT ...?

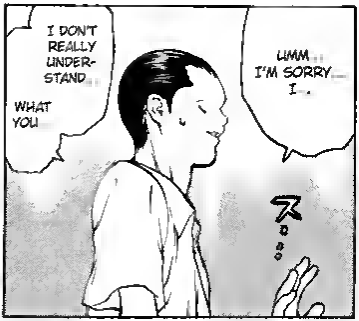
- ACT.60 End -

ACT.61 - The Mighty and Ephemeral




USE YOUR SPECIAL MAGIC POWERS TO TRICK ME!
COME ON, TRY ME!
USE YOUR TERRIBLE WICKED SPELLS THAT WILL SAP THE VERY THOUGHTS, BELIEFS AND IDENTITY FROM MY MIND!


HUH?
HUH?
HUH?


I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND...
WHAT YOU
UMM... I'M SORRY... I..

RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN...
WH... WHAT'S THAT, A FIGHT?
LOOK, THAT'S KITANO-KUN

AAAH!
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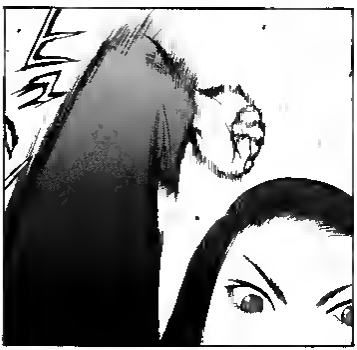
W...
WAIT...
WH... WHAT THE?
WHOA...
SHE JUST ATTACKED KITANO-KUN...

AAAH!

WHOA!
WHOA!
WHOA!



WAIT...
WAI...

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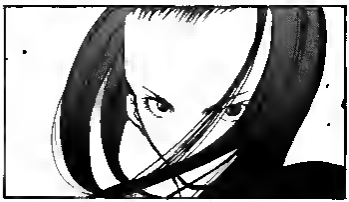
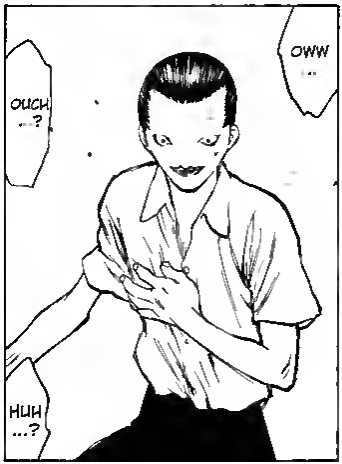
ウオオ
UMM
HE... DISAPPEA
HUH?!

WHA...?
?!
!!!

AHH!



THAT CHICK WAS MOVING AS FAST AS HE WAS!
WHOA, DUDE, WHAT WAS THAT?
UNBELIEV-ABLE!


OWW ..
OUCH ..?
HUH ...?

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MAYBE THAT CHICK'S SOME KIND OF FIGHTING GENIUS!
WHATEVER'S GOIN' ON, THIS IS INSANE!
IT SEEMS LIKE THIS STUFF IS HAPPENING MORE AND MORE OFTEN LATELY.
Does Heaven want me dead ?
WHAT IN THE WORLD ?
!
WHEN I .
JUST LIKE LAST TIME,

OH, SHE'S THAT GIRL FROM BEFORE
THE ONE WITH THE CAMERA WHEN THOSE GUYS GANGED UP ON ME IN THE ALLEY
MAYBE IKUNO-CHAN WAS RIGHT AND THEY'RE AFTER ME...
STILL, SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ONE OF THOSE HOODLUM TYPES...
I GUESS I SHOULD FOLLOW RYOKO-CHAN'S ADVICE AND RUN...
HMM

T... THERE SHE GOES AGAIN!
THIS GIRL KNOWS NO FEAR!
WAAH!
WAH!
WAH!
WAH!
WAH!

HUH?
HUH?
HUH?!
!!!
AH...
TAA.

KUH...
!!!
HUH ...?
WH... WHAT ..?

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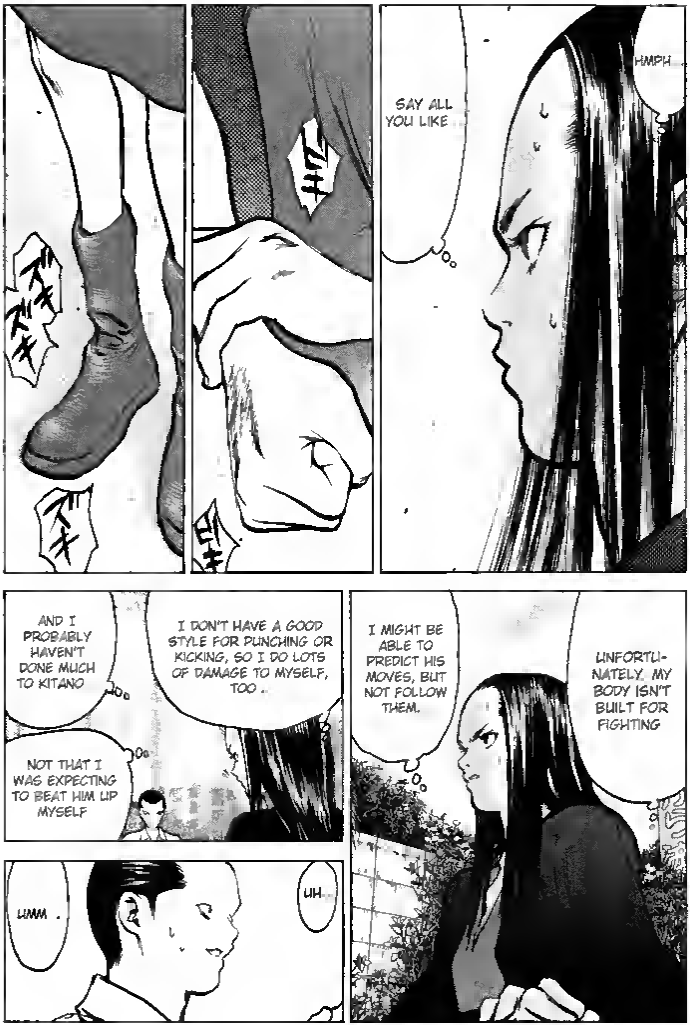
KAH...
ATA
...
TAH,

~squeeze~
.....
WHOAAA!
CRAZY!
SHE BEAT BACK KITANO-KUN!
CRAZY INSANITY!
I...IT ALWAYS LOOKS LIKE KITANO-KUN JUST DISAPPEARS TO ME...
BUT SHE COULD SEE HIM THE WHOLE TIME
SHE MUST HAVE GOOD EYESIGHT!

SHE'S REALLY GOOD...
WOW...
SHE ENDS UP IN FRONT OF ME NO MATTER WHERE I GO
ASIDE FROM SPEED, IT'S LIKE SHE CAN TELL EXACTLY WHERE I'M ABOUT TO MOVE...
I GUESS I JUST HAVE TO GIVE UP
BUT IT'S NOT MAKING A BIT OF DIFFERENCE TO HER...
I THOUGHT I WAS GOOD AT DODGING PUNCHES AND KICKS AND STUFF,
STILL, IF SHE COULD MEET KITANO-KUN MOVE FOR MOVE...
YEAH, YOU NEVER KNOW...
SHE MIGHT ACTUALLY WIN...
BUT WHEN YOU FIGHT WITH A GIRLFRIEND, THAT STRENGTH WORKS AGAINST YOU.
I GUESS TOUGH GIRLS ARE ATTRACTED TO HIS ULTIMATE STRENGTH AND ALL.
SOUNDS LIKE A TOUGH LIFE
WHAT IF SHE WAS LIKE ANOTHER GIRL-FRIEND?
I WONDER WHAT THAT GIRL WANTED WITH KITANO-KUN?
HE'S PRETTY POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS, YOU KNOW.


HMPH
SAY ALL YOU LIKE
UNFORTU-NATELY, MY BODY ISN'T BUILT FOR FIGHTING
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO PREDICT HIS MOVES, BUT NOT FOLLOW THEM.
I DON'T HAVE A GOOD STYLE FOR PUNCHING OR KICKING, SO I DO LOTS OF DAMAGE TO MYSELF, TOO..
AND I PROBABLY HAVEN'T DONE MUCH TO KITANO
NOT THAT I WAS EXPECTING TO BEAT HIM UP MYSELF
UH..
UMM..

STOP RUNNING AROUND! TRY FIGHTING BACK! TRY SPELLBINDING ME WITH YOUR EVIL POWERS!
WHY ARE YOU WASTING MY TIME?!
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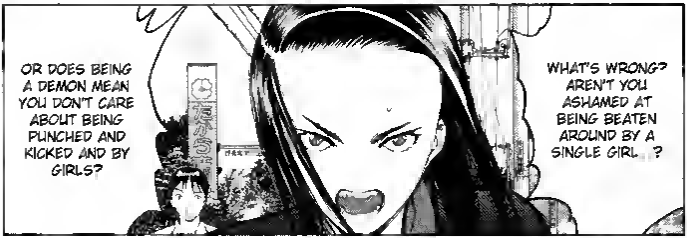
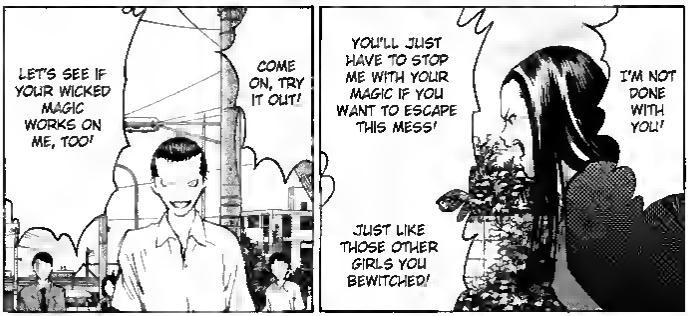

OR DOES BEING A DEMON MEAN YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT BEING PUNCHED AND KICKED AND BY GIRLS?
WHAT'S WRONG? AREN'T YOU ASHAMED AT BEING BEATEN AROUND BY A SINGLE GIRL ?


LET'S SEE IF YOUR WICKED MAGIC WORKS ON ME, TOO!
COME ON, TRY IT OUT!
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO STOP ME WITH YOUR MAGIC IF YOU WANT TO ESCAPE THIS MESS!
I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU!
JUST LIKE THOSE OTHER GIRLS YOU BEWITCHED!

WH... WHAT...?
BEWITCHED...?
WICKED MAGIC...?
.....
SO.
YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP PLAYING DUMB UNTIL THE END...
JUST HOW LOW WILL YOU...

FINE THEN! LET'S JUST KEEP AT IT, THEN!
WE'LL SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN STAND THIS DISGRACE!!
!
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HA!

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AH...
~crik~
~crik~
~gshh~
NNG...

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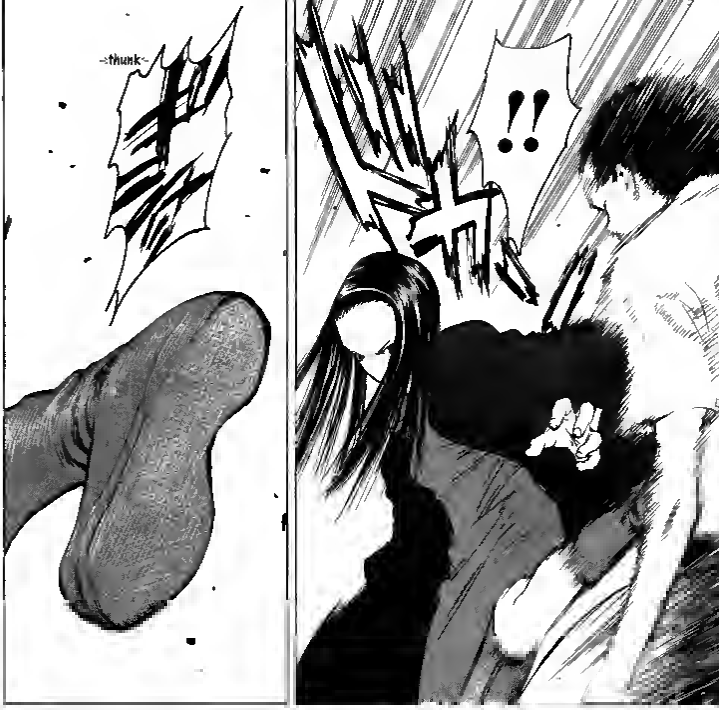
AAAH!
UMMF...
~crik~
~crak~
~crik~
WAIT, DON'T...
WAI...
NNG...
HRRGH...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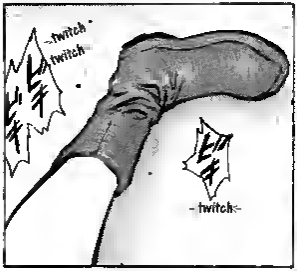
WH...
WHY YOU...
-thok-

TAHA.
DA...


-twitch-
-twitch-
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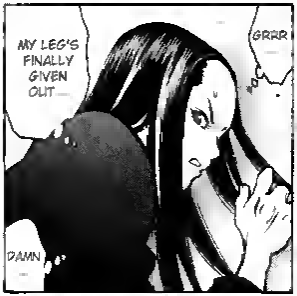
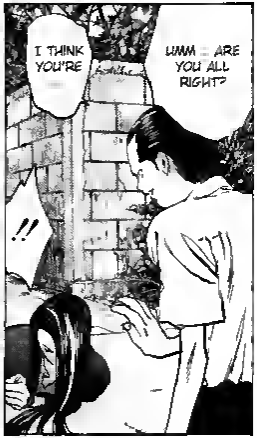

MY LEG'S FINALLY GIVEN OUT...
GRRR
DAMN...

WAAH!


I THINK YOU'RE
UMM... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
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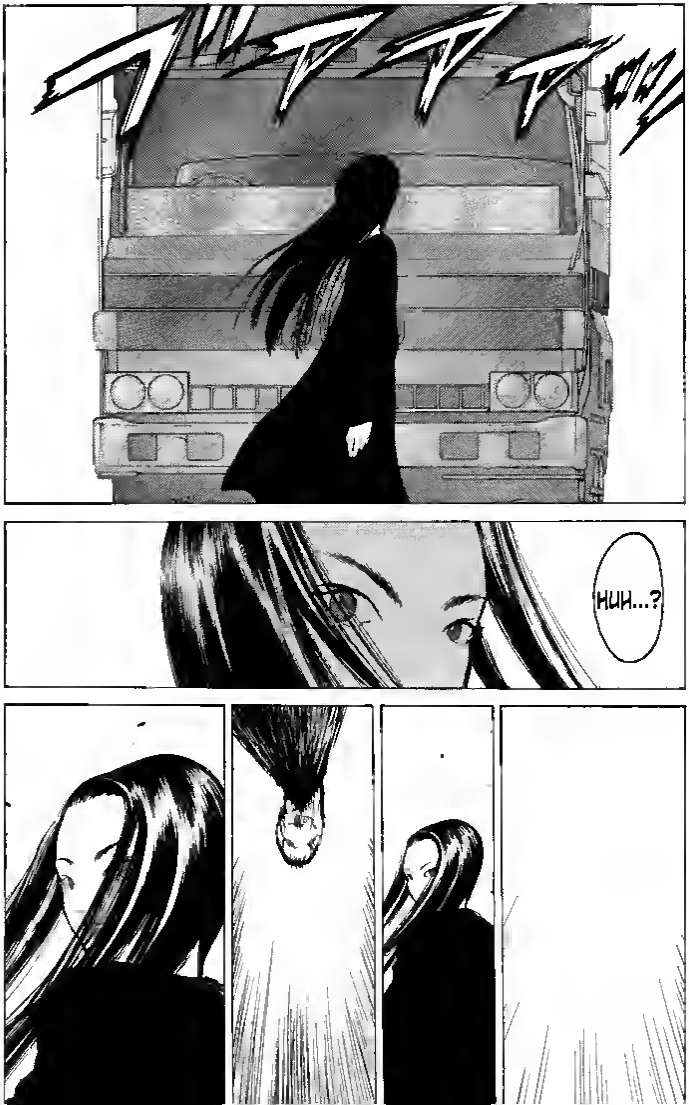
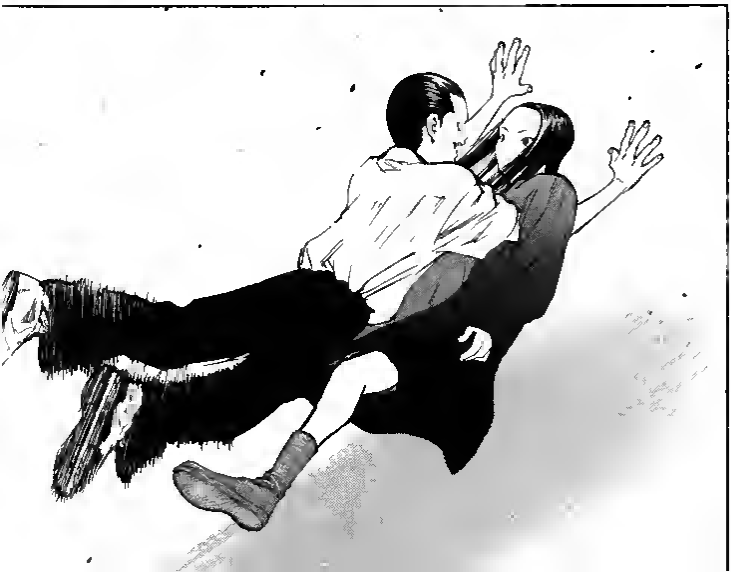
-shake-
-twitch-
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
UH...
UH...
I MEAN, HE'S BEING BEATEN SILLY BY A LITTLE GIRL...
IT'S CRAZY
THERE'S NO WAY HIS DEMONIC PATIENCE CAN BE THIS STRONG...
WHY? WHY WON'T HE DO ANYTHING? WHY WON'T HE FIGHT BACK?
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA...?

AAH!
OR CAN YOU NOT EVEN USE YOUR POWERS ON ME?
IF THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO, MY PHOTO-GRAPH OF ULTIMATE VIOLENCE
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!
HOW LONG MUST YOU TOY WITH ME?!
USE YOUR SILLY MAGIC POWERS AND SHUT ME UP!
!
-shake-
AH...


HUH...?



LOOK AT THAT...
LOOK AT THIS. AN INSTANT OF PURE VIOLENCE.
HE'S TERRIFYING. I KNEW IT.
WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?
THOSE GIRLS ARE CRAZY.

AH-OW!
AAAH!!
A... ARE YOU OK?!
U... UMM...
I'M SORRY!
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ポタ
WAIT...
OH... BLOOD
M-MY BLOOD...
UMM.
A... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?
I... UH...

HUH?
IT'S NOT ALL RIGHT.
OF COURSE IT'S NOT ALL RIGHT.
!
.. OF COURSE NOT....
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?
IF YOU'RE A DEMON, THEN ACT LIKE IT
BE A DEMON THE ENTIRE TIME ALL DAY LONG.
THROUGH THE CAMERA LENS, YOU JUST LOOK LIKE A NORMAL PERSON..
BUT EVEN THEN, YOU STILL LOOK LIKE NOTHING FROM THIS WORLD..
THAT WAS MY ULTIMATE SNAPSHOT OF VIOLENCE
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MY CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT...

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT...
WHY DID YOU DO THAT...
!
HUH?
COVER YOUR EARS.
I'M GOING TO CRY AS LOUD AS I CAN

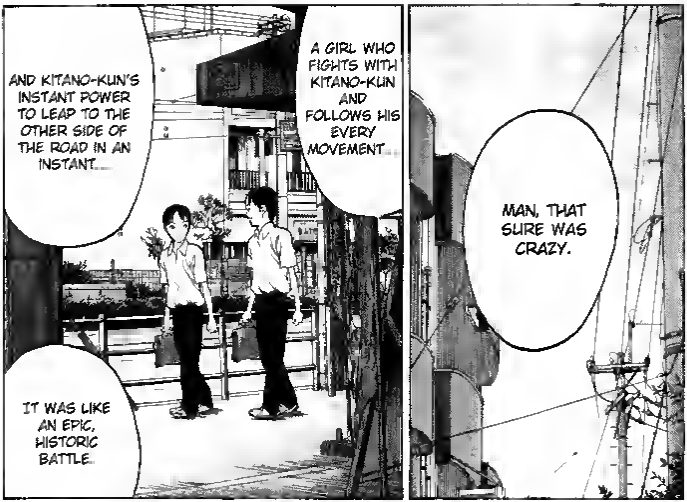
- ACT.61 End -

ACT.62- The Mighty and Ephemeral

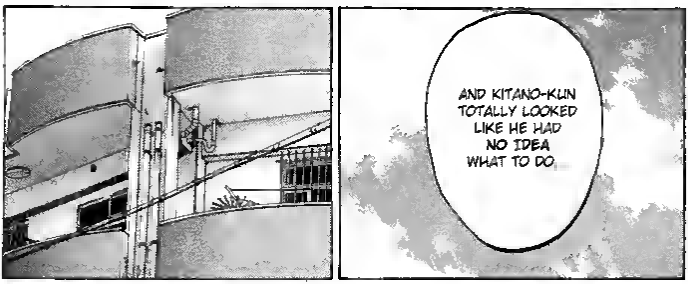
HOPEFULLY IT'S NOTHING MUCH...
A... ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT...?
HE... HE'S JUST A LITTLE SHAKEN-UP THAT'S ALL
H... HOW RUDE.
SEE? NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRY TO USE YOUR BEST CAT-COAXING VOICE, THE TERROR YOU'VE HARDWIRED INTO HIS BODY CAN'T BE REMOVED SO EASILY
PLEASE, HAVE MERCY!
YOU PEOPLE ARE MADE OF DIFFERENT STUFF FROM US NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS! WHEN WE GET KICKED AND PUNCHED, WE SNAP AND BREAK!
OH, IT'S BAD! I SWEAR, I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE THAN THIS!
PLEASE! I BEG OF YOU!
WE'RE ONLY HIGH-SCHOOLERS! WE DON'T WANT TO END OUR LIVES OVER THIS!
JUST HAVE MERCY!
SHE WOULDN'T SINK THAT LOW...
I THINK SHE'LL HIT HIM
I WILL NEVER PEEK INTO THE SEEDY UNDER-WORLD OF BLOOD AND MONEY AGAIN
I WILL NEVER HOLD AN INTEREST IN THE DARKER SIDE AGAIN!
.....
FORGIVE ME! I AM BUT A SIMPLE, LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN!
I SWEAR I WILL NEVER TRESPASS INTO THE WORLD OF THE YAKUZA AGAIN!
UM... LOOK, WE'RE NOT LIKE SOME KIND OF CRAZY CYBORG RACE OR ANYTHING...

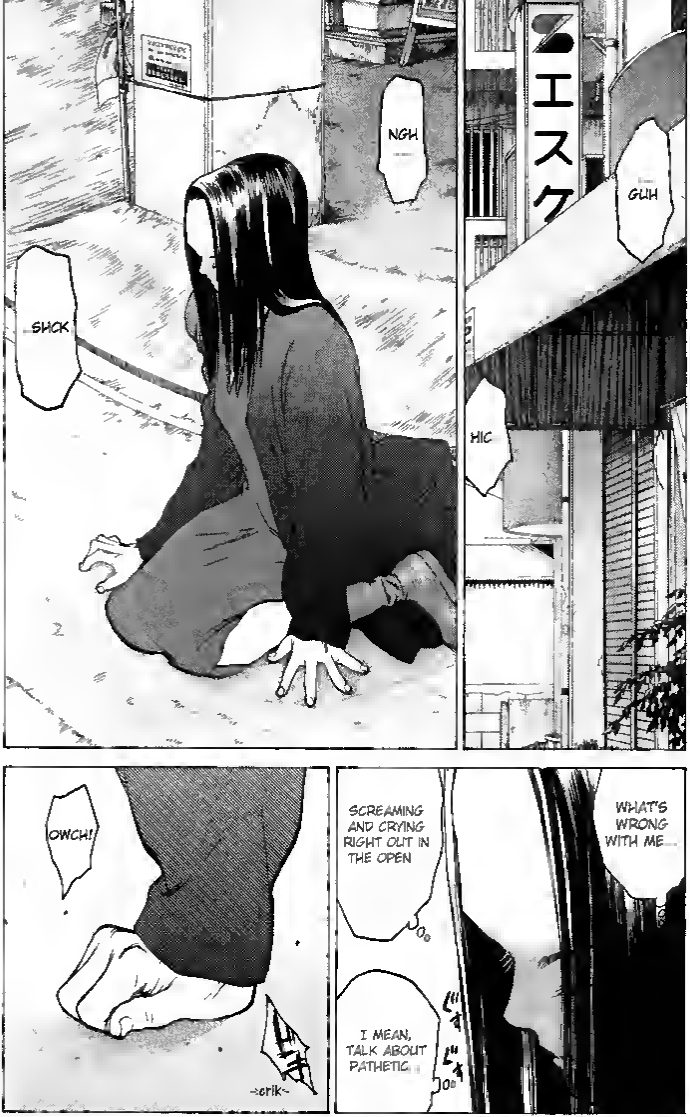
SHEESH
SH
GKYA!
OOH
AH!
HE WAS REALLY PANICKED FOR SOME REASON! I JUST WANTED TO CALM HIM DOWN A BIT!
LIKE, UH... LIKE WAKING HIM UP FROM A BAD DREAM!
N... NO! LISTEN. HE WAS...
R... RYOKO
SEE? I WAS RIGHT
I can't believe you...
W... WE'RE JUST JOKING, RYOKO. SETTLE DOWN
I'M SERIOUS THOUGH
LISTEN TO YOU TWO! YOU'RE ACTING LIKE THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL, IKUNO! YOU DID AT LEAST HALF OF THAT!
ARRRGH!
THEY PICKED THE WRONG PERSON TO TUSSLE WITH
YEAH, ALL THREE OF THEM ARE HAVING NIGHTMARES RIGHT NOW.
talk about bad luck

ACT.62
凶行と慟哭の果てに…の巻


A GIRL WHO FIGHTS WITH KITANO-KUN AND FOLLOWS HIS EVERY MOVEMENT...
AND KITANO-KUN'S INSTANT POWER TO LEAP TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD IN AN INSTANT...
IT WAS LIKE AN EPIC, HISTORIC BATTLE...
MAN, THAT SURE WAS CRAZY.

WAH WAH WAH WAH, RIGHT IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY...
JUST LIKE A LITTLE KID...
YEAH, AND THEN AT THE END THAT GIRL TOTALLY WAILED...


AND KITANO-KUN TOTALLY LOOKED LIKE HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO DO...


NGH
GUH
SHCK
HIC
エスク
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME...
SCREAMING AND CRYING RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN
I MEAN, TALK ABOUT PATHETIC...
OWCH!
-crik-

ANYWAYS
I WAS REALLY PUSHING IT THERE—
MY HANDS AND FEET ARE SHOT
-twitch-
-crik crak-
I REALLY THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ALIVE
BUT HE JUMPED ACROSS THE STREET IN ONE BOUND

HUH?
WHAT...?
.....
WELL, I'M SO SORRY FOR CRYING RIGHT IN YOUR FACE
BUT I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE. IF I DIDN'T HOLD ONTO YOU, I'D BE CRYING AND WAILING ALL BY MYSELF, AND THAT'S EVEN MORE PATHETIC.
UH... BUT,
WELL... RIGHT
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT? IS THERE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?
UH WELL,
TEARS AND BOOGERS!

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ス…
HUH?
USE IT
ON YOUR FACE
YOU'RE SCARY ENOUGH AS IT IS NOW YOU VE GOT BLOOD SPLATTERED ALL OVER YOUR FACE

THANKS
UH, NO,
WHAT? CAN'T YOU ACCEPT A FAVOR FROM SOMEONE?
UH.. BUT I..
OR IS MY HANDKERCHIEF NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?
.....
-sniff-
-sniff-
-sniff-
I MUST BE BLEEDING QUITE A BIT...
OOH
OUCH
MMM
YOUR NOSE.
THANK YOU...
OH

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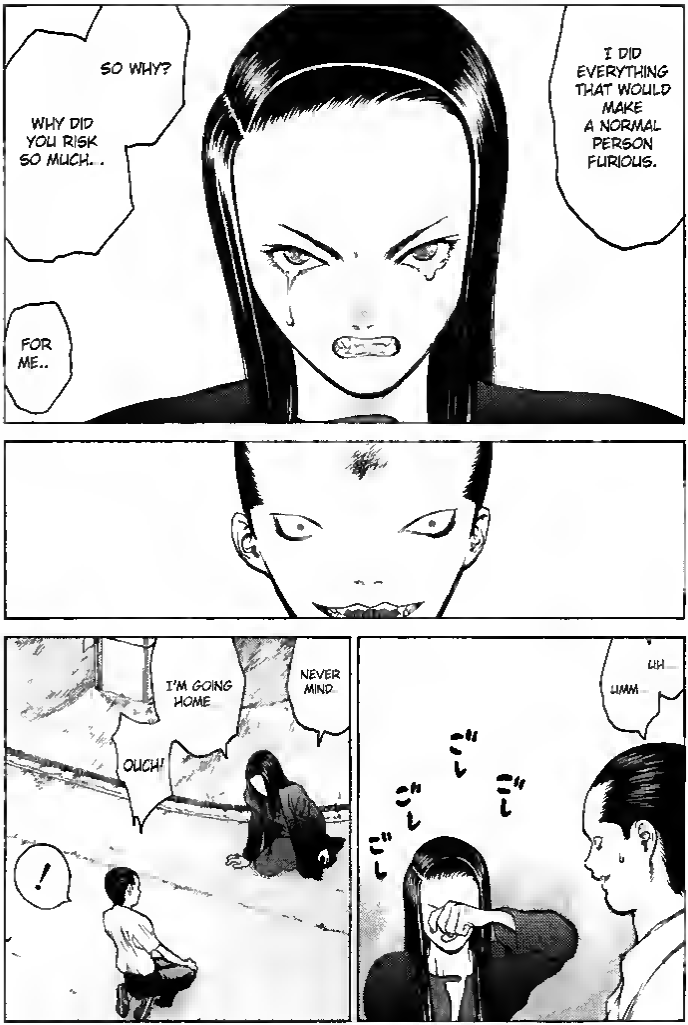
ごし ごし
ゴシゴシゴシ
WAIT, NOW WE JUST SWITCHED HANDKER-CHIEFS!
WE SHOULD HAVE EACH JUST USED OUR OWN!
BUT…
I WAS TRYING TO SAY…
WHAT? DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM?
LOOK, IT'S YOUR FAULT I…
YOUR NOSE AGAIN
……
ごし ごし
ゴシゴシゴシ

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU ALREADY...
HMPH
YOU'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT ON THE INSIDE.
YOU'RE ALL LOOKS
YOU SHOULD STOP BEING SO DECEP-TIVE.
YOU'RE NOT A DEMON OR DEVIL OR ANYTHING
AFTER ALL IMPACT YOU GIVE PEOPLE, YOU TURN OUT TOTALLY DIFFERENT.
!
YOU'RE NOT EVIL OR VIOLENT AT ALL.

I THOUGHT I HAD TAKEN A PICTURE OF ULTIMATE VIOLENCE.
AND NOW ALL THE WORK I PUT INTO THAT PHOTO AND EVERYTHING IS GONE
ALL GONE
I.. I'M SORRY IT SOUNDS LIKE I'VE CAUSED YOU LOTS OF TROUBLE, THOUGH I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW.
OH, YOU HAVE. GOOD LORD, YES YOU HAVE
HMPH
I FEEL SO STUPID
I WAS SHOCKED BY YOUR FACE,
THEN OBSESSED WITH IT,
THEN CHASED YOU AROUND BY MYSELF.
I GOT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF MY CLUB TO ATTACK YOU SO I COULD GET A SCARY PHOTO OF YOU.
THEN I HARASSED YOUR FRIENDS WITH MY PICTURE TO ASK THEM WHO YOU WERE...
AND THEN FINALLY, I MYSELF ATTACKED YOU AND KICKED AND PUNCHED YOU...


I DID EVERYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE A NORMAL PERSON FURIOUS.
SO WHY?
WHY DID YOU RISK SO MUCH. .
FOR ME..
UH... UMM...
ごし ごし ごし ごし
NEVER MIND
I'M GOING HOME
OUCH!
!

RNG
HKH...
.....
-crk-
-pop-

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SHALL I HELP YOU?
I'M JUST FINE
I CAN'T AFFORD TO LET YOU HELP ME ANYMORE!
LEAVE ME ALONE

I DON'T THINK SO!
WHAT? DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM?
UMM...
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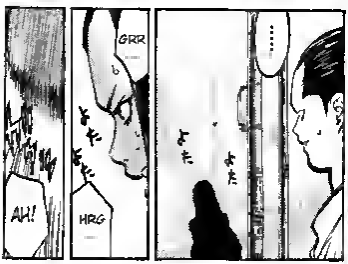
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
-tremble-
-tremble-

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
NOW...


AH!
HRG
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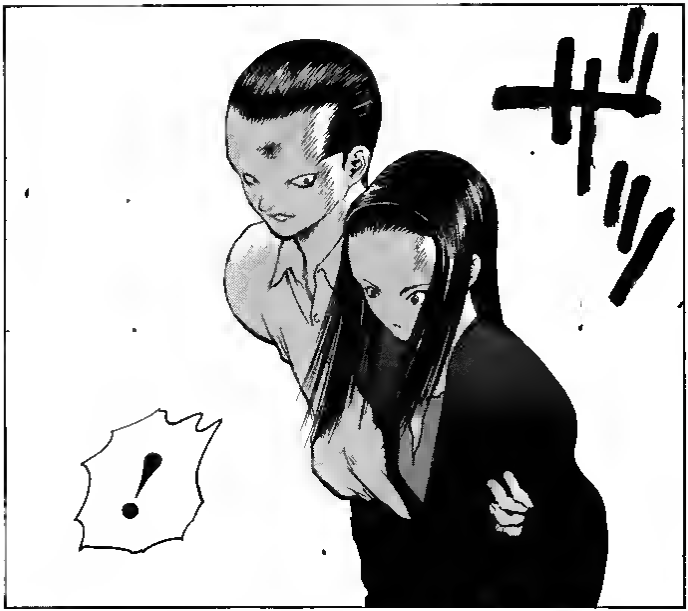
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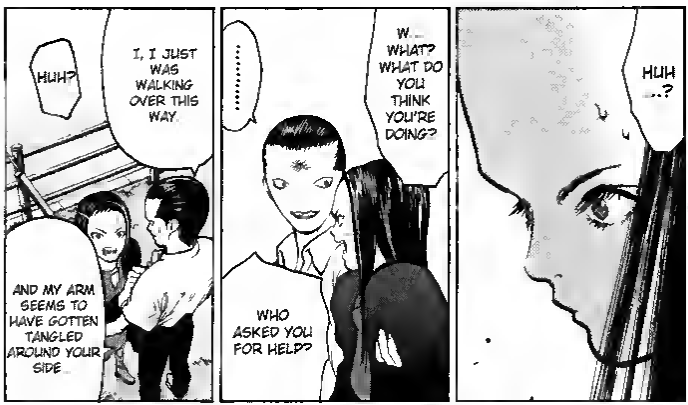
HUH?
I, I JUST WAS WALKING OVER THIS WAY.
AND MY ARM SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN TANGLED AROUND YOUR SIDE...
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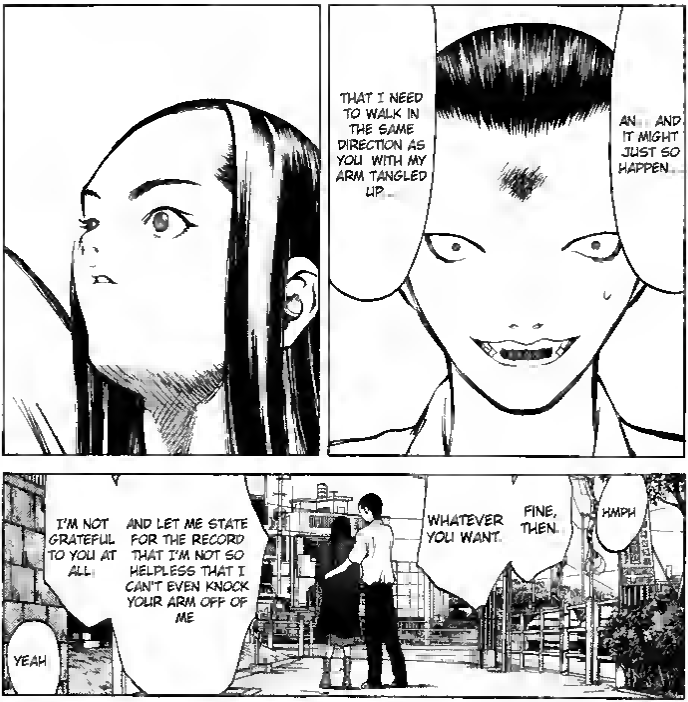
W... WHAT? WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
WHO ASKED YOU FOR HELP?
HUH ...?


AN... AND IT MIGHT JUST SO HAPPEN...
THAT I NEED TO WALK IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS YOU WITH MY ARM TANGLED UP...
HMPH
FINE, THEN.
WHATEVER YOU WANT.
AND LET ME STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT I'M NOT SO HELPLESS THAT I CAN'T EVEN KNOCK YOUR ARM OFF OF ME
I'M NOT GRATEFUL TO YOU AT ALL.
YEAH
UMM...
WELL NOW, WHICH WAY SHOULD I BE GOING...?
HMMMM.
.....
WELL...
FOR STARTERS, I'D LIKE TO GO THAT DIRECTION...

UH...
UHRRRR.
OH...
YOU'RE AWAKE..
H-HELP, SOME-ONE...
W... WAAAAH!
HELLO THERE?
SORRY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
EVERY TIME I HEAR HER "COMFORT-ING" VOICE,
ON TO THE THIRD ROUND
IT GIVES ME CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE
.....
WAAAH!!
WA...
HYAAAAA!!

HYAAAA! FORGIVE ME! PLEASE, I'M SORRY! FORGIVE ME!
WHY ARE YOU SO SCARED?
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS THE ONE WHO HURT YOU...
EEEEEEKK!!
AAAAH!
S... STAY AWAY!
I MEAN, I WASN'T THE ONE WHO BEAT YOU UP.
Y... YOU'RE FINE, RIGHT?
S-SOMEONE, HELP ME!
PLEASE, LET US GO BACK TO THE NORMAL WORLD!
PLEASE, DON'T DRAG US DOWN INTO YOUR SQUALID HELL WITH YOU!
HAVE MERCY! IT'S OUR FAULT FOR TRYING TO GET INVOLVED IN THE WORLD OF DEMONS!
L... LOOK, I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU...
I... I MEAN, ACCIDENTAL PANTY SHOTS, OF COURSE. SO...
AND I'VE STILL GOT NEGATIVES FOR SOME SECRET SHOTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PANTIES THAT I HAVEN'T EXPOSED
I HAVEN'T EVEN RETURNED THE LAST VIDEO I RENTED...
NOT AGAIN...
SIGH...
すり
I'VE GOT A FATHER AND MOTHER, A LITTLE SISTER AND EVEN A PUPPY TO LOOK AFTER...
FORGIVE US, HAVE MERCY, DON'T KILL US!
WATCH, I BET THIS ONE'LL END THE QUICKEST.
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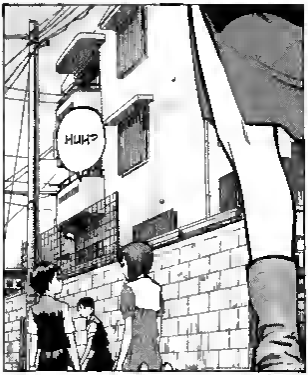

HUH?

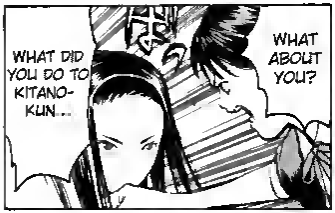
P... PRESI-DENT!
AH...
Here we go
!

K...
KITANO-KUN!

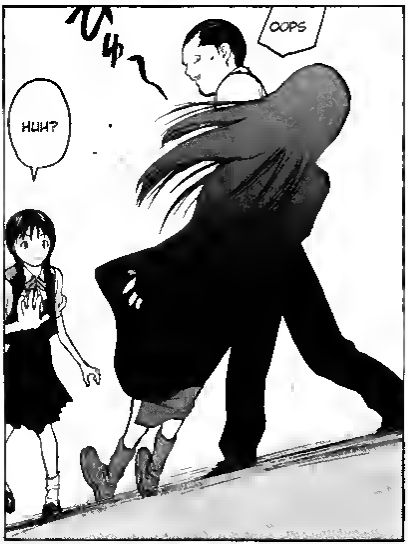
WHAT THE?

WHAT ABOUT YOUR POOR FOREHEAD!
OH!
OH, IT'S NOTHING MUCH

W-WHAT ABOUT YOU GIRLS?
WH... WH... WHAT HAPPENED, KITANO-KUN?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...


WHAT DID YOU DO TO KITANO-KUN...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

A-
A-ARE YOU OKAY?!
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?


OOPS
HUH?

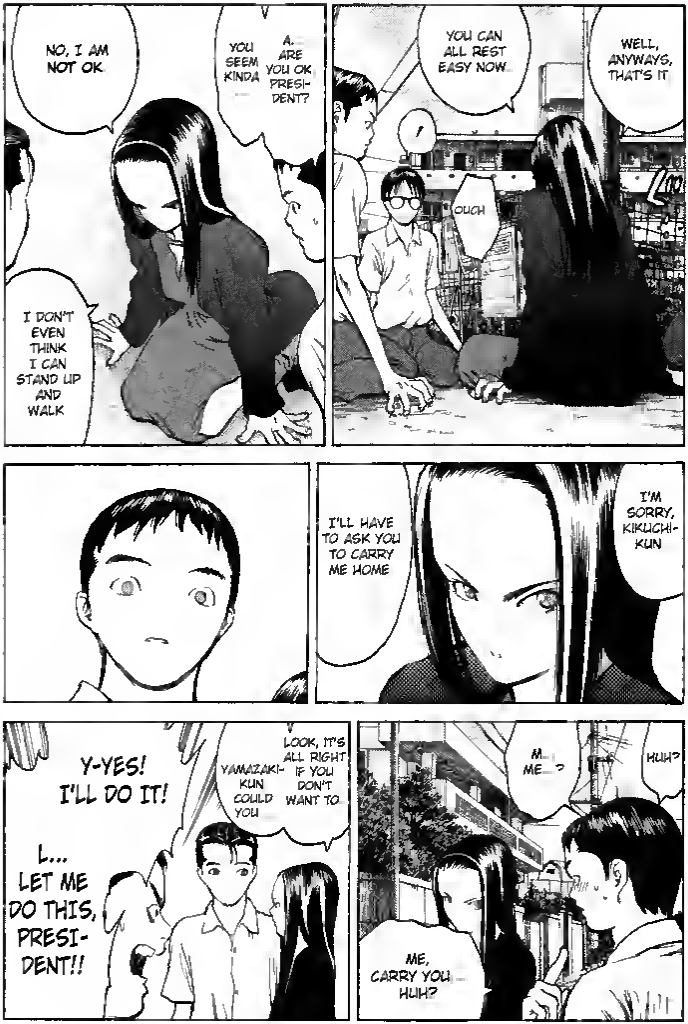
THIS IS MY FAULT, I WASN'T SUPPORTING YOU RIGHT
S-SORRY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
AH
AH
N... NO, ALL I DID WAS TOUCH HER! SHE FELL OVER ON HER OWN!
YOU'LL EVEN KNOCK OUT A HELPLESS FRAIL GIRL IN ONE BLOW
WOW! YOU'RE SOMETHING
R. RYOKO ?
BELIEVE ME!!
P... PRESI-DENT!!
HEY
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE FINE AFTER ALL...
I'M FEELING MORE AND MORE SORRY FOR MYSELF
POOR ME
I GUESS THEY REALLY WERE PLAYING DEAD...
WHAT HAPPENED?
ARE YOU OK?
HANG IN THERE!

KITANO, I'LL KILL YOU...
YOU BASTARD!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PRESIDENT?
WAS IT KITANO? DID KITANO DO SOMETHING TO YOU?
STOP IT, KIKUCHI-KUN!!
IT'S ALL OVER NOW...
IT'S ALL RIGHT...
PRESIDENT

ALL OVER...?
A...
THAT'S NOT IT...
!
ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY IT OFF AND PRETEND YOU GOT BITTEN BY A STRAY DOG OR SOMETHING?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, IT'S ALL OVER? DID HE DO SOMETHING TERRIBLE TO YOU? SOMETHING UNSPEAKABLE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, PRESIDENT?
YAMAZAKI-KUN PLEASE HIT THIS FOOL FOR ME
HUH?
WHAT I USED UP ALL MY STRENGTH TO GAIN...
ALL THAT I BROUGHT US HERE FOR.
WHAT I WAS CHASING AFTER...
WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR..

THE PHOTO-GRAPH OF ULTIMATE VIOLENCE...
IS ALL OVER NOW...

I... DON'T THINK THAT MADE ANY SENSE, PRESIDENT
I MEAN, ON A FUN-DAMENTAL JAPANESE LANGUAGE LEVEL...
OH, SHUT UP I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, EITHER.
no sense at all!


NO, I AM NOT OK
YOU SEEM KINDA A...
ARE YOU OK, PRESIDENT?
I DON'T EVEN THINK I CAN STAND UP AND WALK
YOU CAN ALL REST EASY NOW
WELL, ANYWAYS, THAT'S IT
OUCH
I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO CARRY ME HOME
I'M SORRY, KIKUCHI-KUN
Y-YES! I'LL DO IT!
L... LET ME DO THIS, PRESIDENT!!
YAMAZAKI-KUN COULD YOU
LOOK, IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO
M... ME...?
HUH?
ME, CARRY YOU... HUH?

COME ON
LET'S GO, KIKUCHI-KUN
YES MA'AM!
NO
NO TROUBLE AT ALL...
well maybe

I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL THE TROUBLE...
!
WELL, I'LL BE GOING...

HERE WE GO!
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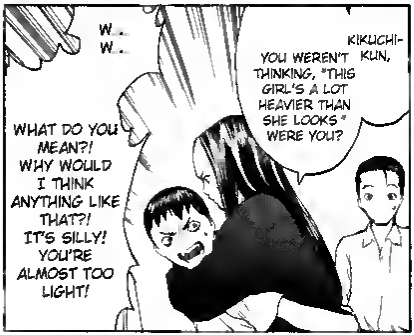
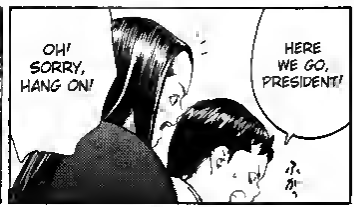
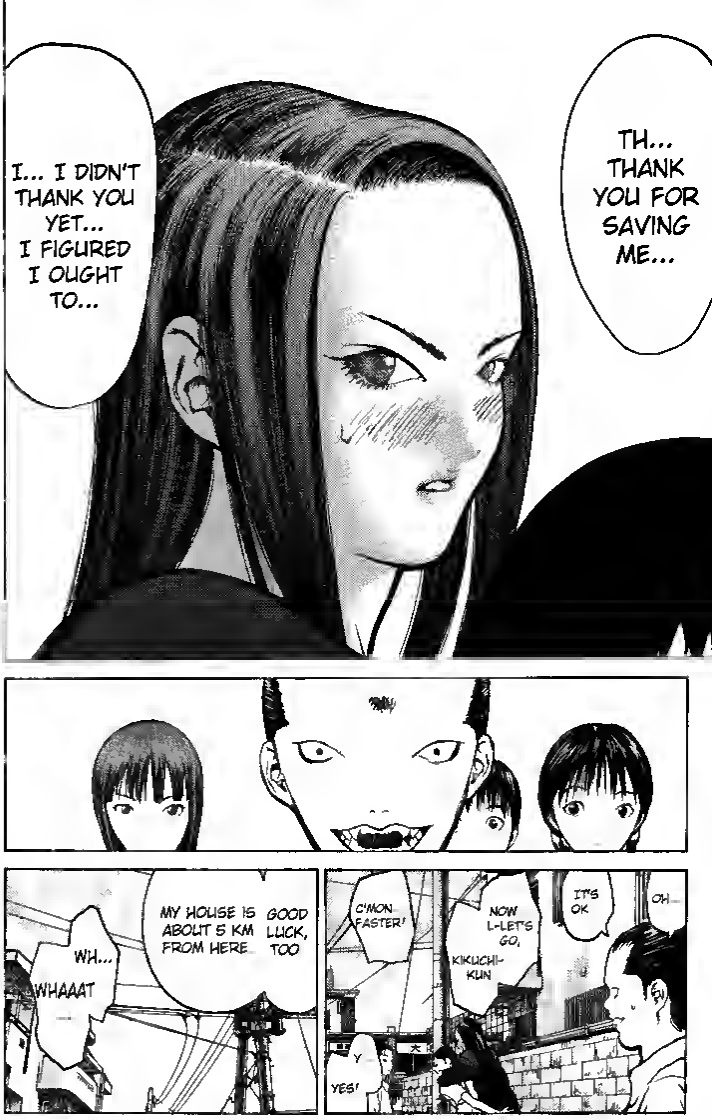
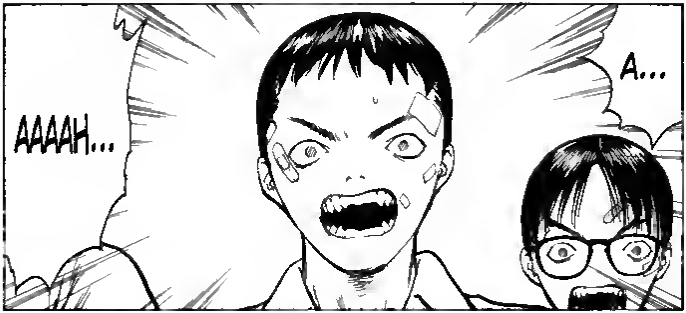

W..
W..
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! WHY WOULD I THINK ANYTHING LIKE THAT?! IT'S SILLY! YOU'RE ALMOST TOO LIGHT!
KIKUCHI-KUN, YOU WEREN'T THINKING, "THIS GIRL'S A LOT HEAVIER THAN SHE LOOKS." WERE YOU?

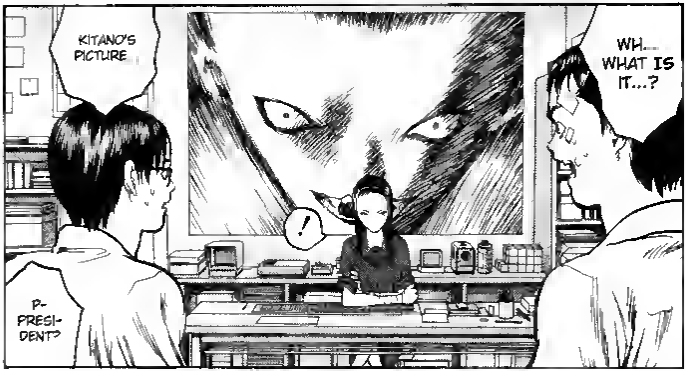
YOU, THE ONE WITH THE SCARY FACE!
Y... YOU THERE!
HUH?
HUH?

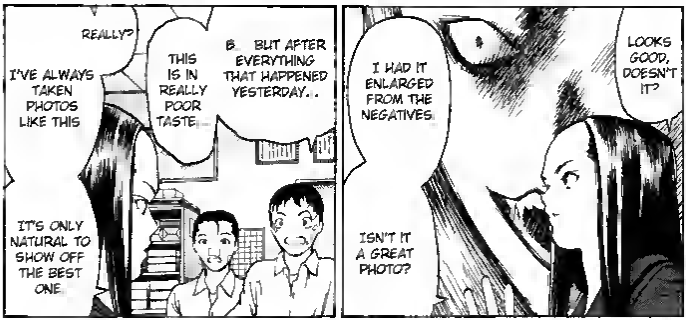

OH! SORRY, HANG ON!
HERE WE GO, PRESIDENT!


TH... THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME...
I... I DIDN'T THANK YOU YET... I FIGURED I OUGHT TO...
GOOD LUCK, TOO
MY HOUSE IS ABOUT 5 KM FROM HERE...
WH...
WHAAAT
C'MON, FASTER!
NOW L-LET'S GO, KIKUCHI-KUN
IT'S OK
OH...
Y
YES!

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, IT'S JUST A SCRAPE.
AND IT'S NOT BLEEDING ANYMORE
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND, MYSELF...
I
W... WHAT WAS WITH THOSE PEOPLE...?
SO WHAT'S WITH ALL OF YOU?
I THOUGHT YOU HAD GONE ON HOME AHEAD OF ME...
HEHEHE
W-WELL, SOME, UH, STUFF CAME UP...
YOU SEE...
I'VE GOT A LITTLE PRESENT
HUH?
WANNA SEE?
OH RIGHT, I'VE GOT SOME-THING FOR YOU
!


AAAAH...
A...

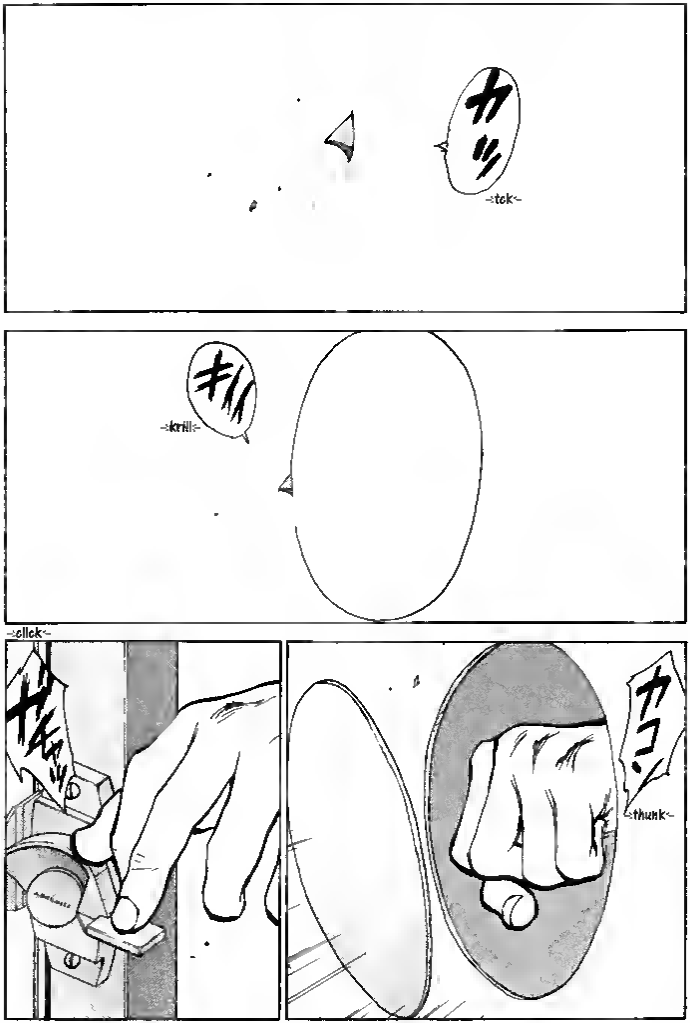

KITANO'S PICTURE
WH... WHAT IS IT...?
!
P-PRESI-DENT?


REALLY?
I'VE ALWAYS TAKEN PHOTOS LIKE THIS
IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO SHOW OFF THE BEST ONE
THIS IS IN REALLY POOR TASTE...
B BUT AFTER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY..
I HAD IT ENLARGED FROM THE NEGATIVES.
ISN'T IT A GREAT PHOTO?
LOOKS GOOD, DOESN'T IT?

WAAAH!
W...
VERY MANLY.
DON'T WORRY. YOU LOOK COOL.
IT'S EMBARRASSING.
IT'S MORE...
NO, IT'S NOT COOL AT ALL.
I ALREADY TRIED TO THROW IT AWAY YESTERDAY.
WHY DID YOU BRING THIS TO SCHOOL AGAIN TODAY...
LOOK
BESIDES, ONCE YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK, IT'S PRETTY COOL, ISN'T IT?
WHO CARES? IT'S REALLY COOL
W... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, PRESIDENT!
I THINK "FUNNY" WOULD BE KIND OF PUSHING IT.
NO, IT'S NOT MANLY EITHER!
THEN, HOW ABOUT "MANLY"?
I... IT'S NOT COOL AT ALL!

- ACT.62 End -

ACT.63- The Home of Demons



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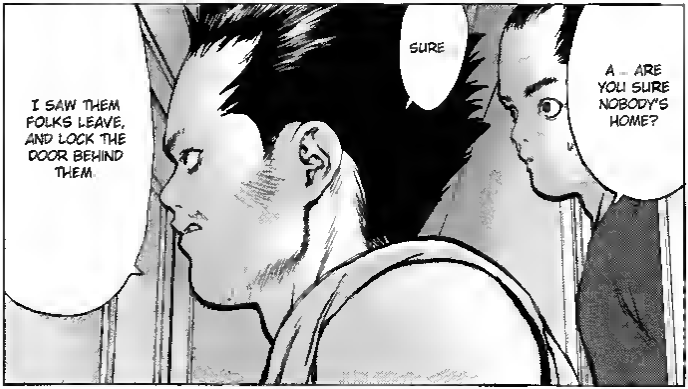
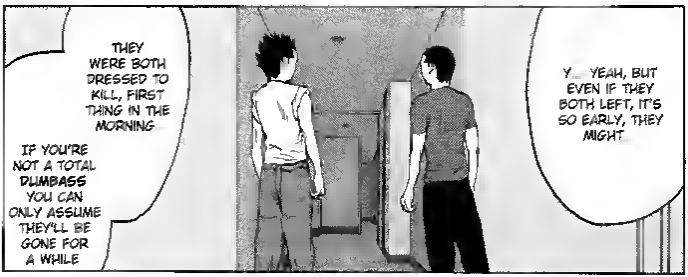
悪魔の住む家の巻


I SAW THEM FOLKS LEAVE, AND LOCK THE DOOR BEHIND THEM.
SURE.
A... ARE YOU SURE NOBODY'S HOME?


THEY WERE BOTH DRESSED TO KILL, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.
IF YOU'RE NOT A TOTAL DUMBASS YOU CAN ONLY ASSUME THEY'LL BE GONE FOR A WHILE.
Y... YEAH, BUT EVEN IF THEY BOTH LEFT, IT'S SO EARLY, THEY MIGHT...

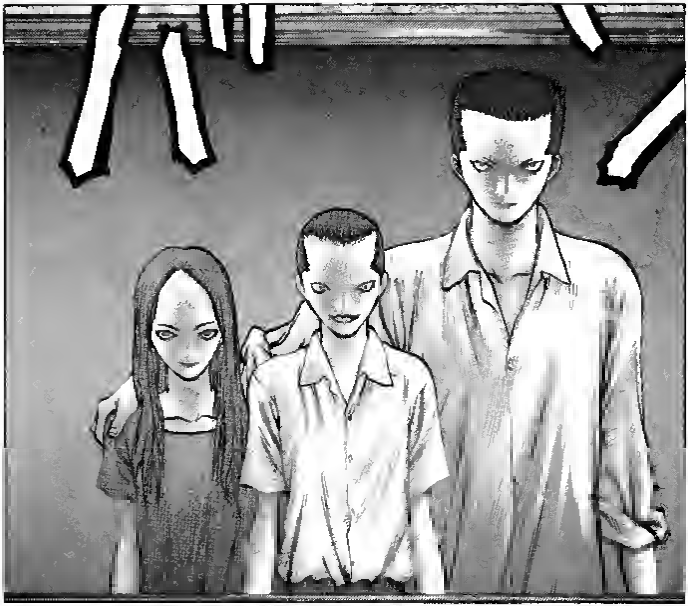
LET'S SPLIT UP, THEN.
YOU TAKE THAT WAY, I'LL CHECK OUT THIS WAY.
Y-YEAH.
MAN, THIS PLACE IS PRETTY SPACIOUS.
I BET THEY'RE LOADED.
THIS IS WAY SAFER THAN SNEAKIN' IN AT NIGHT.
UH HUH.

B-BOSS
HUH?
.....
HUH?
THAT'S 'CAUSE IT'S THE MORNING.
D-DOESN'T THIS PLACE SEEM KINDA DARK?
SO THEY HAD THEIR AIR CONDITIONER RUNNING ALL NIGHT.
AND DESPITE BEING MIDSUMMER, I FEEL THIS CHILL IN THE AIR.
WHAT'S YOUR BIG PROBLEM?
IT'S NOT LIKE THE PLACE IS BOARDED UP, SO WHY'S THE DARKNESS SO THICK?
THE SUN'S ALREADY HIGH UP IN THE SKY—
N-NO, I MEAN,

THERE'S GOTTA BE RICHES ALL OVER THE PLACE
NOW YOU TAKE THAT SIDE OF THE HOUSE...
Y
YEAH...
YOU SEE MY POINT?
THEY GOT THAT MUCH MONEY
ALL IT MEANS IS THEY GOT THE MONEY TO SPEND RUNNING THE A.C ALL DAY AND NIGHT
UH
YEAH...
THE LOUNGE
I DON'T THINK THEY'D KEEP THE REAL EXPENSIVE STUFF IN HERE...

!
MIGHT AS WELL CHECK...
BUT...
-clack-
I GUESS MY EYES AREN'T USED TO THE DARK YET...
I'LL WAIT FOR IT TO COME IN FOCUS...
THIS PLACE IS SO DARK I CAN BARELY SEE IT, THOUGH.
THEY MUST BE A LOVING FAMILY WITH THIS ON DISPLAY
HEY, A FAMILY PORTRAIT
HA HA HA, MAN THESE PEOPLE TAKE CHEESY PHO...
TOS...
HUH?
WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS PICTURE?
IS IT UPSIDE...
NO, NOT UPSIDE-DOWN...
HUH? WHAT'S THIS?

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?!
W-WHAT IS IT?!
GYAAAAA!!
GY...
SCREAMING LIKE THAT...
WHAT?
WHAT THE FUCK'S YOUR PROBLEM?
OH... BOSS!
AWAWA
AH...
L-LOOK
LOOK AT THIS...
WHAT?
IT'S JUST A DAMN PHOTO...
D-DEMONS! DEMONS LIVE HERE!
T-THIS PLACE IS CRAZY, BOSS!
HUH?



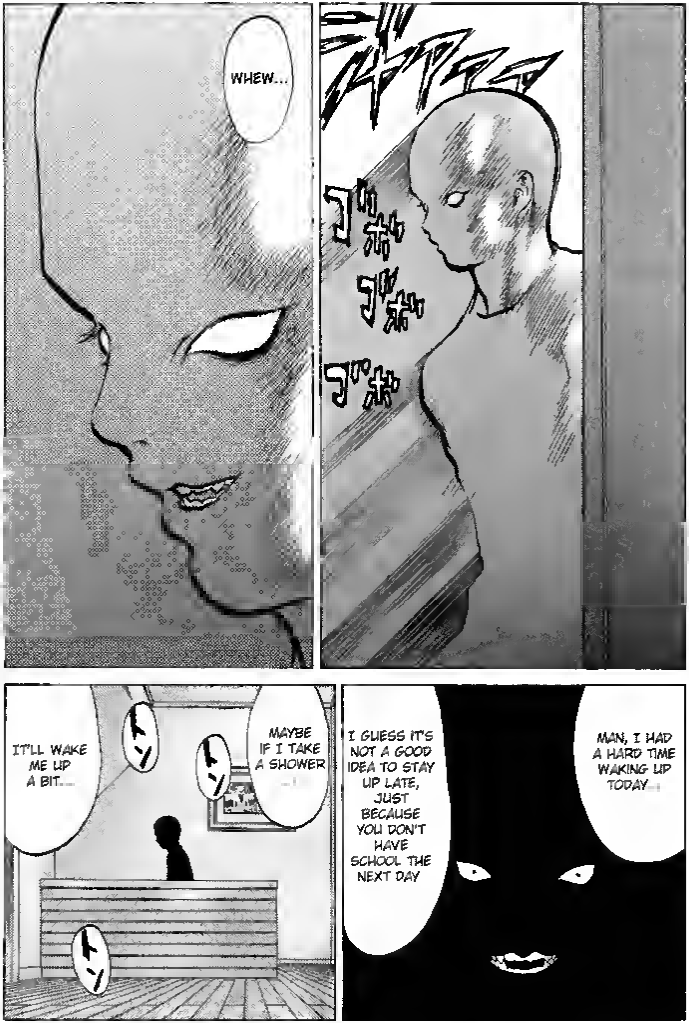
WHAT THE
SEE
SEE..?
THEY'RE DEMONS!
THIS IS THE LAIR OF A FAMILY OF DEMONIC BEINGS! WE'VE TRESPASSED INTO THE HOME OF DEMONS!!

TALK ABOUT BAD TASTE
TCH
WHAT A BUNCH OF JOKERS
HUH?
HUH?
W... WE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE, NOW!
RIGHT?
RIGHT, BOSS?
.....
HUH?
B... BUT, WHY ELSE WOULD THEY HAVE IT IN THEIR GUEST ROOM..
LIKE I SAID, IT'S BAD TASTE
JUST A BUNCH OF CRAZY NEW RICH FOLKS WITH THEIR WACKY HOBBIES
IT'S SPECIAL EFFECTS KID
THIS AIN'T A PICTURE OF NO REAL FAMILY, NOW IS IT?
IT'S A SHOT FROM SOME HORROR MOVIE OR SOMETHIN'
THIS IS GOOD I FEEL LIKE THEY'VE GOT EVEN MORE THAN WE'D THOUGHT
LET'S CHECK OUT THIS ROOM EVEN FURTHER.
Y... YEAH
AFTER GETTING THE CHANCE TO TASTE ALL THE KINDS OF PLEASURES IN THE WORLD, THEY'VE FINALLY ARRIVED AT THE WORLD OF THE GROTESQUE
YOU KNOW THE STORY
W... WELL, IT DOES SOUND FAMILIAR

YAAAWN, WHAT A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP...
I GUESS STAYING UP LATE LAST NIGHT MADE ME SLEEP IN A BIT.
JUST BECAUSE FATHER AND MOTHER LEFT TO GO ON ERRANDS EARLY THIS MORNING
DOESN'T MEAN I SHOULD JUST LIE IN BED ALL DAY.
OKAY...
I'M GONNA WATCH THE HOUSE TODAY!
-tap-

UMMM...
HMMM...
カサ カサ
-clunk-
!
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING
WHAT, REALLY?
.....
HUH? HEAR WHAT?
YOU HEAR THAT?
SOME NOISE ON THE 2ND FLOOR
ARE YOUR EARS PLAYING TRICKS ON YOU?
MAYBE BUT THERE'S NO REASON TO BE CARELESS
I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT

~crkk...~
~crkk~
~clunk~
TCH...
WHAT'S WITH THIS PLACE?
MAYBE HE WAS RIGHT
HOW CAN IT BE SO DAMN DARK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY?
IT'S PRACTICALLY PITCH-BLACK IN HERE
PRACTI-CALLY GOTTA FEEL YOUR WAY THROUGH THIS HALLWAY
SHIT
~crkk~
~click~


WHEW...
IT'LL WAKE ME UP A BIT...
MAYBE IF I TAKE A SHOWER...
I GUESS IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO STAY UP LATE, JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY
MAN, I HAD A HARD TIME WAKING UP TODAY...

I THOUGHT THIS WAS WHERE THE NOISE WAS COMING FROM.
NO ONE HERE...
ガバッ
イチ
ANYWAYS...
.....
MUST BE THE HIGH-SCHOOLER SON'S ROOM...
THAT WOULD SUCK IF HE WAS HERE
I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE WHAT HE COULD BE LIKE.
IN FACT, IT'S SO BARREN OF LIFE THAT I FEEL A CHILL...
WHAT'S WITH THIS ROOM...?
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING OF ANY INTEREST IN HERE LIKE HE DON'T GOT NO HOBBIES AT ALL.
LOOKS LIKE A SOAP OPERA SET

-clunk-
カリカリ
……
IS THAT YOU, BOSS?
?
AAH!
MUST BE MY IMAGI-NATION...
M
ごそ
ごそ
-rustle-

-SHHHHHH-
.....
-FSHHHH-
WHA...
WH...
WH...
B BOSS?
IS THAT YOU, BOSS...?
-FSHHH-
.....
WHO WOULD BREAK INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE AND START TAKING A SHOWER.
IT CAN'T BE

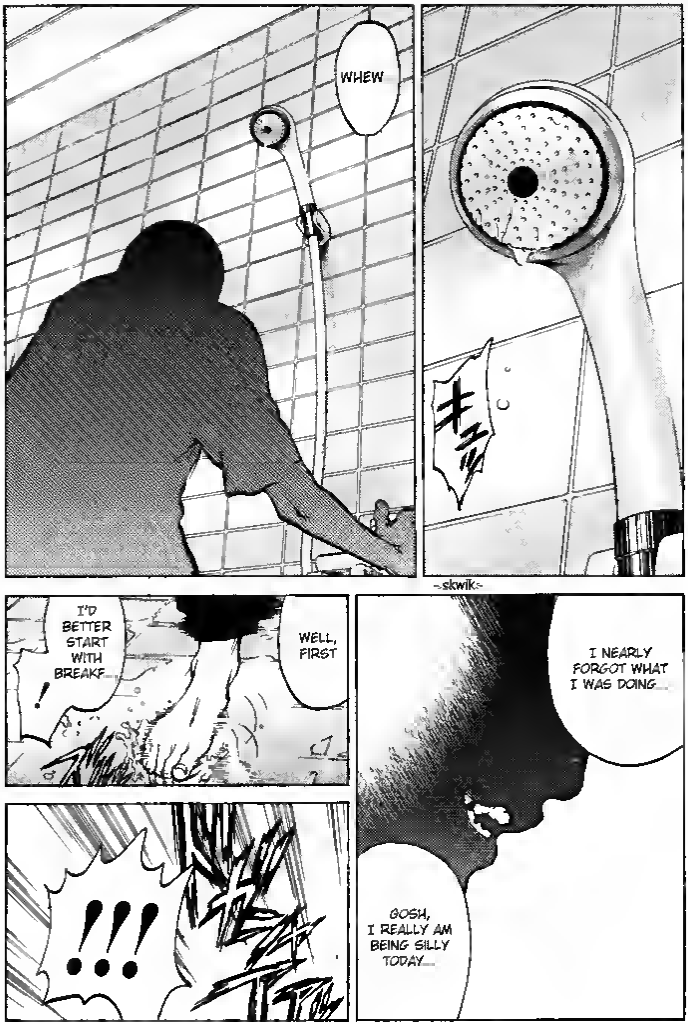
ナガレ
……
シャアアアア
W-WHY…?
THE SHOWER TURNED ON BY ITSELF…?
B-BUT
N-NOBODY'S HERE…?
HUH?

AAHYA AA!!
WAA
I... I CAME TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED, AND NOBODY WAS HERE.
NO... I DIDN'T! I JUST HEARD... THE SHOWER GOING...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT KIND OF THIEF BREAKS INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE AND STARTS TAKING A SHOWER?
B... BOSS...
I... IT'S TRUE! PLEASE, BELIEVE ME, BOSS...
WHAT, YOU THINK THE SHOWER JUST TURNED ON?
DON'T LIE TO ME BITCH

-bb bub-bub-
AH, AH...
.....
-BOOOF-
-tic-
-tic-
!
.....
NOW IT'S COMING FROM THE KITCHEN...
THAT'S... THE KITCHEN.
IT WORKS PRETTY WELL FOR THREATENING PEOPLE.
WAIT... A MODEL GUN?
WOW...
YEAH.
BOSS, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A GUN
THAT'S PRETTY SWEET, BOSS
IT'S JUST A MODEL GUN
UH
OH
YEAH
LET'S GO.

~thunk~
N... NOBODY'S HERE... AGAIN...
T-THIS TIME, THE STOVE TURNED ON ALL BY ITSELF!
IT'S EVIL SPIRITS! THIS MUST BE THE WORK OF EVIL SPIRITS
LIKE, POLTERGEISTS OR WHATEVER...
ゴゴゴ
~blah blah blah~
L... LET'S GET OUTTA HERE, BOSS THIS PLACE IS CRAZY...
IT'S LIKE, CURSED! THIS IS TOTALLY A HAUNTED MANSION!
.....
C... C'MON, LET'S MOVE!
PL... PLEASE!
I DON'T WANNA BE PUT UNDER A CURSE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
.....
!

I THOUGHT IT WAS FUNNY THAT HE DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE LEFT WITH THEM THIS MORNING.
THEIR HIGH-SCHOOL-AGE SON'S ROOM WAS ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
To Seiichiro
Heat up this food for breakfast
Mom
IT WOULD APPEAR THEIR SON HAS BEEN LEFT HOME ALONE
LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT IT WRONG.
HUH?
~flap~
QUIT WHININ' OVER SOME TEENAGE PRICK! WE'LL JUST WAVE THE GUN AROUND AND MAKE HIM TELL US WHERE THE RICH STUFF IS. EVEN QUICKER FOR US!
B... BUT BOSS, YOU SAID THERE WAS NOBODY HERE!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN WANDERING AROUND WITHOUT NOTICING US
HUH?
OH...
~skwik skwik~
~Fshhhhh~
!
SO ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TURN OFF THE STOVE,
AND WAIT FOR.
HERE'S THE DEAL HE JUST WOKE UP, GOT HIS SHOWER STARTED, THEN TURNED THE STOVE ON WHEN HE NOTICED HOW HUNGRY HE WAS.


WHEW
~skwik~
I'D BETTER START WITH BREAKF...
!
WELL, FIRST
I NEARLY FORGOT WHAT I WAS DOING...
!!!
GOSH, I REALLY AM BEING SILLY TODAY...

ALL RIGHT, NOBODY MOVE!
STAY STILL OR I'LL BLOW YOUR DAMN HEAD OFF!!
GOT THAT? NO MOVEMENTS!
JUST DO EVERYTHING I SAY AND EVERYBODY'S HAPPY!
OWWW
DO WHAT I SAY, AND I'LL LET YOU LIVE!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT FIGHTING BACK!
I DON'T THINK YOU WANT TO GET BURNED, DO YOU?
SO PLAY NICE,
AND TELL US WHERE THE MONEY IS

HUH
?

UGYAG-YAAA!!
UGYA GYA!!
KIE!
KIEEE! KIE!
KIE EEE EEE
UGYAAAAAAA

M... M... MON-STER RRR!
AAAAAAAAHHH!!
UGY AAAA AAA
WAA AAAA !!

THEY JUST STARTED SCREAMING BEHIND MY BACK
WHO WERE THOSE PEOPLE?
W... WOW. WHAT A SURPRISE.

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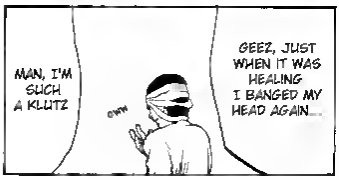

MAN, I'M SUCH A KLUTZ
OWW
GEEZ, JUST WHEN IT WAS HEALING I BANGED MY HEAD AGAIN...

THE DEAD ARE RISING! A PROCESSION OF DEAD SPIRITS!!
AN EVIL SPIRIT! A ZOMBIE!
TH... THAT WAS THE DEVIL!

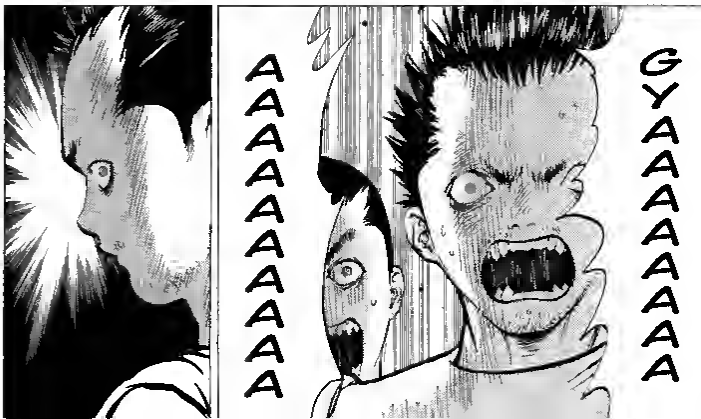
QUIT WASTIN' MY TIME! YOU WANNA DIE IN HERE?!
D... DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND...
W... WAIT A SECOND, BOSS!

-click-
I FEEL SO SILLY
SOMETIMES I SWEAR YOU'RE JUST A GROWN-UP CHILD.
hee hee

AAAAAA
WAAAAA

I SHOULDN'T HAVE SQUEEZED THAT KETCHUP SO HARD
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU JUST HAVE TO HAVE A HOT DOG...
NOW I'LL HAVE TO CHANGE MY CLOTHES...

HUH?
OH?


GYAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAA

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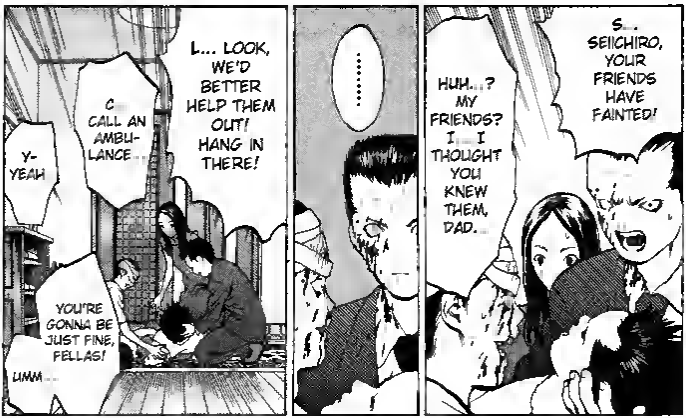
ふぅ…
ふぅ…
WHY
GYAAAAAAAAA
HUH?
YOU'RE HOME, MOM AND DAD
OH, SEIICHIRO
WE HAVE GUESTS
W... W-W-W-WE'RE SUR-SUR-SURROU-
WE-WE-WE-WE CA-CA-CAN'T GET AW-
AAAH!

A...
AH!
ARE YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?!
HUH?
-swivel-


L... LOOK, WE'D BETTER HELP THEM OUT! HANG IN THERE!
C-CALL AN AMBU-LANCE...
Y-YEAH
YOU'RE GONNA BE JUST FINE, FELLAS!
UMM...
.....
HUH...? MY FRIENDS? I... I THOUGHT YOU KNEW THEM, DAD...
S... SEIICHIRO, YOUR FRIENDS HAVE FAINTED!

IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
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GYAAA AAAAA AAAA!!
THESE GENTLE-MEN JUST...
I .. I'M SORRY ..
Y .. YES!
C-CALL AN AMBULANCE! ANOTHER ONE!
A .. AMBU-LANCE!
It was a very long and repeatedly exciting day at the Kitano household
HANG IN THERE, ALL OF YOU!
AH
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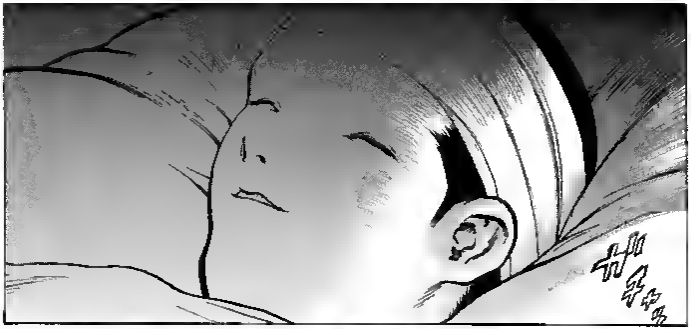
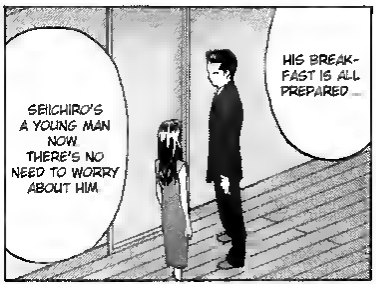
- ACT.63 End -

ACT.64 - Another Sunday For the Kitano Family

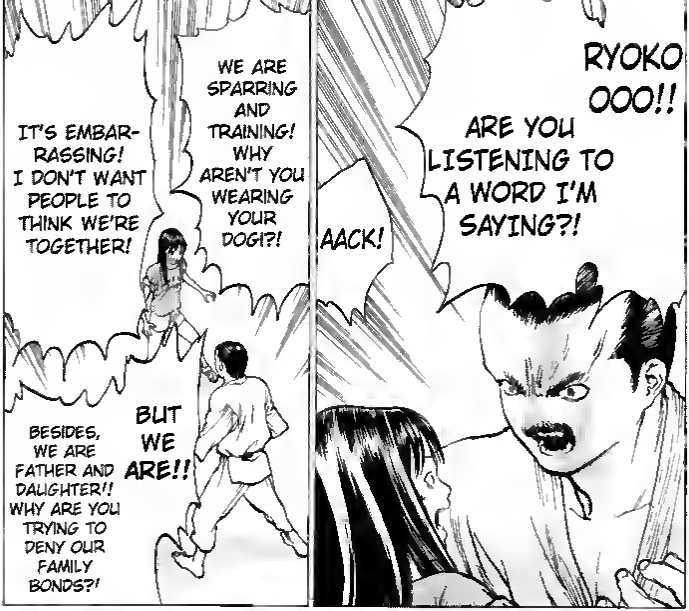




ACT.64

北野家 もうひとつの日曜日…の巻

GEEZ...
WHY DO I HAVE TO WAKE UP SO EARLY ON A SUNDAY
JUST TO COME TO THIS STUPID PARK?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT, EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE
IT'S NICE TO GET OUT OF THE STUFFY DOJO AND ENJOY SOME TRAINING UNDER THE MORNING SUN.
IT HELPS US APPRECIATE THE GREATNESS OF NATURE
AND PURIFIES AND ENERGIZES OUR HEARTS THAT GROW DULL AND TIRED OVER TIME
yawwn
I'm tired


RYOKO OOO!!
ARE YOU LISTENING TO A WORD I'M SAYING?!
AACK!
WE ARE SPARRING AND TRAINING! WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING YOUR DOGI?!
IT'S EMBARRASSING! I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK WE'RE TOGETHER!
BUT WE ARE!!
BESIDES, WE ARE FATHER AND DAUGHTER!! WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO DENY OUR FAMILY BONDS?!

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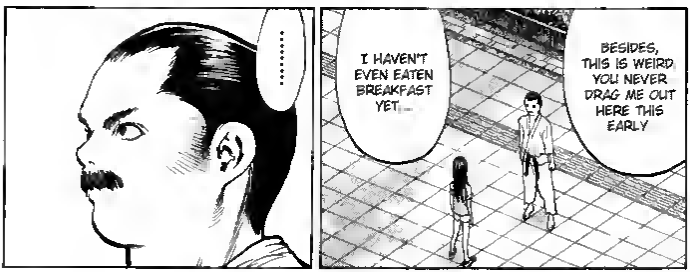
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SEE? NOW BE QUIET.
WE'RE ALREADY ATTRACTING ENOUGH ATTENTION AS IT IS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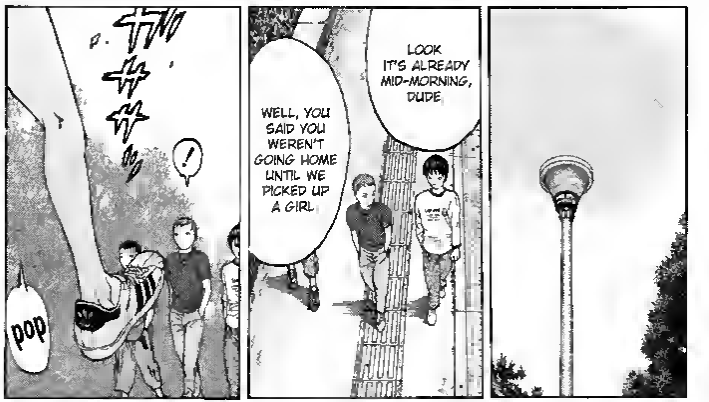
I HAVEN'T EVEN EATEN BREAKFAST YET...
BESIDES, THIS IS WEIRD. YOU NEVER DRAG ME OUT HERE THIS EARLY

H... HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN GOING... WITH THAT?
A... ANYWAYS, RYOKO,
Y... YOU KNOW... THAT... THAT K-KITANO... FELLOW...
WITH WHAT?
WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON WITH YOU AND HIM SINCE THEN...?
HUH?
WH...
WHAAAAATTTT!
LIKE NORMAL...
W... WE'RE GOING OUT!
HE'S TRYING TO GET ME OUTSIDE AT AN UNEXPECTED TIME, TO CATCH ME OFF GUARD AND "BEAT SOME SENSE INTO ME".
ALL RIGHT, I GET IT. I THOUGHT THIS SEEMED FUNNY.

HOW FAR HAVE YOU GOTTEN, THEN?
EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP IS THIS, HUH?!
S... SHUT UP!
IT'S.. IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THIS! I NEVER DID!
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
Y-YEAH, BECAUSE I'M TELLING YOU NOW.
OF COURSE IT IS MY BUSINESS! I'M NOT GOING TO SIT BACK AND WATCH MY DAUGHTER BE DEFILED BY SOME SATANIC CRETIN!
D... DEFILED?!
W... WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'RE
LET'S FIGHT THEN.
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH

ABSOLUTELY NOT.
Why would I agree to that?
BUT IF I WIN, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO FORGET ALL ABOUT HIM.
IF YOU FIGHT ME AND WIN, I WILL ALLOW YOU TO DATE THAT BOY.
HUH?
DEAL?
HOW IS THAT FAIR?! BESIDES, YOU KNOW THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BEAT YOU!
IF YOU BEAT ME, I WILL FORGIVE YOU! UNDER-STAND?!
DON'T BE SELFISH! I'M TRYING TO SET UP A FAIR DEAL, HERE!
I... I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT GOING TO DO THIS!
THIS FIGHT ISN'T OVER UNTIL WE HAVE A CLEAR WINNER! YOU CAN'T JUST RUN HOME AND HIDE, GOT THAT!
I'M COMING FOR YOU! READY?
WH— THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!
YOU HAVE TO OVERCOME YOUR OBSTA-CLES!
SHUT UP, WOMAN! LOVE IS NEVER FAIR!

DON'T RUN FROM ME!
TURN AROUND AND FIGHT LIKE A MAN!
KYAAA!
KYAAA!
KYAAA!
NOW LET'S FIGHT, WENCH!
NOT MY PROBLEM!
KYAAAAAA!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WELL, YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T GOING HOME UNTIL WE PICKED UP A GIRL.
LOOK IT'S ALREADY MID-MORNING, DUDE

WHOA
WHAT'S UP?
YOU OUT JOGGING?
IT'S A LITTLE EARLY TO BE SO OUT OF BREATH...
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
I KNOW IT'S EARLY, BUT YOU WANNA COME HANG OUT WITH US?
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
LEAVE IT TO US
hehe
TECHNICALLY, WE'RE UNDEFEATED IN STREET FIGHTS, RIGHT GUYS?
MAN, FREAKS SHOULDN'T BE RUNNING AROUND THIS EARLY
!
S-SOME CREEPY BEEFCAKE GUY IS AFTER ME...
H-HELP ME
LET HIM COME
HEH

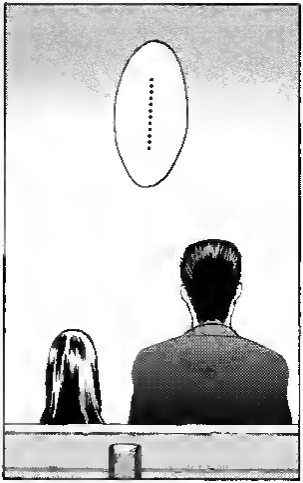
NGAGAGOHAAAAAAA!!
MOVE IT,
RUGRATS!!
DWAHH!
FGYAA!
AAH!

OH?

NGOH!!
THE SNEAKY WENCH
THIS IS THE ONLY STYLE OF FIGHTING SHE'S GOOD AT...
KYAAA!
KYAAA!
KYAAA!
KYAAA!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS...
FGEH!

IT'S THE PERFECT PLACE FOR A BREAK.
I REALLY LIKE THIS PARK.
YES, THE BREEZE FEELS NICE, TOO...
IT'S SO PEACEFUL...
THE TIME WE WENT ON VACATION TOGETHER WAS FUN, TOO
I DIDN'T THINK WE'D ACTUALLY GET LEFT BEHIND BY THE BUS...
that was a shock.
YES, WE HAD TO WALK HOME THEN, TOO.
THAT REMINDS ME OF THE OTHER TIME, WHEN WE WENT TO THE BEACH...
DO YOU REMEMBER THE TIME WE WENT TO THAT OTHER PLACE?
THE FIRST TIME WE...
YES, THE WEATHER WAS NICE THEN, TOO
I REMEMBER HOW WE COULDN'T CATCH A TAXI.

AND... I DIDN'T THINK WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FLAG DOWN A TAXI TODAY, EITHER.
OH WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN ALL THE TIME...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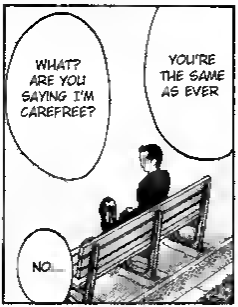
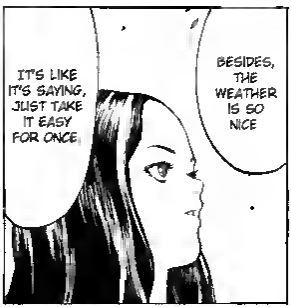
WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME BEFORE WE NEED TO GO BACK
WE LEFT EARLY, SO LET'S ENJOY THE TIME WE HAVE TODAY.


WHAT? ARE YOU SAYING I'M CAREFREE?
YOU'RE THE SAME AS EVER
NO...


IT'S LIKE IT'S SAYING, JUST TAKE IT EASY FOR ONCE.
BESIDES, THE WEATHER IS SO NICE

I MEANT THAT
!

!

HUH?

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I..
I'M SORRY....
!
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ズシーン
ズシーン
CURSES!
.....
DAMN...
WHERE HAS SHE GONE?
THE LITTLE SHE-VIXEN

HELLO, YOUNG LADY?
HE SEEMS TO HAVE GONE BY...
OH...
PARDON ME...
I'VE BEEN CHASED AROUND BY SOME FREAK WITH A MUSTACHE...
I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE KITANO-KUN'S FATHER...
I JUST...
I'M SO SORRY!
I... I'M SO SORRY!
!

HE DOESN'T ACTUALLY KNOW ME
T-THAT'S RIGHT I ONLY SAW HIS FATHER FROM A DISTANCE, DURING THE PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS...
OH!
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YOU MET HIM, SOMEWHERE?
DO YOU KNOW SEIICHIRO, THEN?
HUH?
THANK YOU FOR KEEPING HIM COMPANY, DEAR
YOU MUST BE SEIICHIRO'S FRIEND
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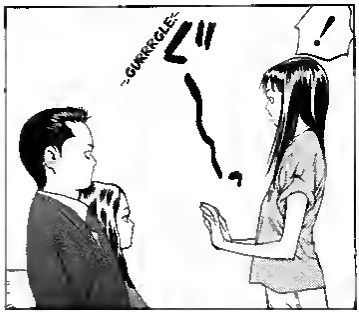
O-OH DEAR, WHAT A STUPID THING TO DO ON OUR FIRST MEETING...
I THINK I SEE EXACTLY WHERE HE GETS IT...
OR MAYBE, SCARILY PRETTY...
SHE'S LIKE, SO PRETTY IT'S SCARY
K... KITANO-KUN'S MOTHER...

WELL...
HUH?
THAT MUSTACHIOED FREAK IS RELATED TO YOU?
UM... HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS...

BY THE WAY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU SEEMED TO BE CHASED BY SOMEONE...
HUH?
OH... UH...
W- WE WERE JUST HAVING A BIT OF, UH, IN-FIGHTING...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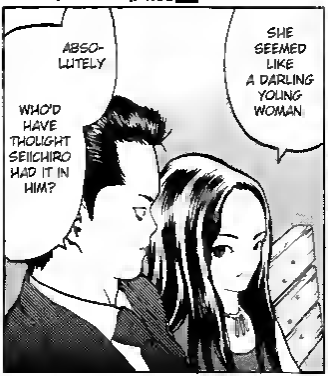
-GURRGLE-

OH GOD, THAT SUCKED!
THE FIRST THING I DO TO KITANO-KUN'S PARENTS IS JUMP ON TOP OF THEM,
AND THEN GARGLE MY STOMACH AT THEM!

G...
GOODBYE!
AH-

I.
AH..
AHAHAHA!
I'M SORRY, I HAVEN'T EATEN ANY BREAKFAST, AND HERE I AM RUNNING AROUND OUTSIDE.
SO, UH...


ABSO-LUTELY
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT SEIICHIRO HAD IT IN HIM?
SHE SEEMED LIKE A DARLING YOUNG WOMAN

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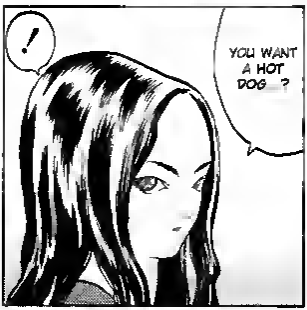
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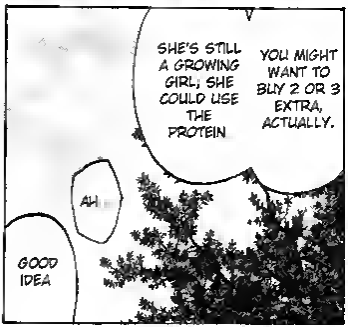
YOU WANT A HOT DOG ?

WHY?
BY THE WAY, ARE YOU HUNGRY?
OH, I WAS JUST THINKING OF THAT HOT DOG STAND WE PASSED, AND STARTED FEELING HUNGRY


SHE'S STILL A GROWING GIRL, SHE COULD USE THE PROTEIN
YOU MIGHT WANT TO BUY 2 OR 3 EXTRA, ACTUALLY.
AH
GOOD IDEA

GREAT!
I'LL GO BUY THEM.
OH, ALL RIGHT MAYBE I'LL HAVE ONE, TOO

!

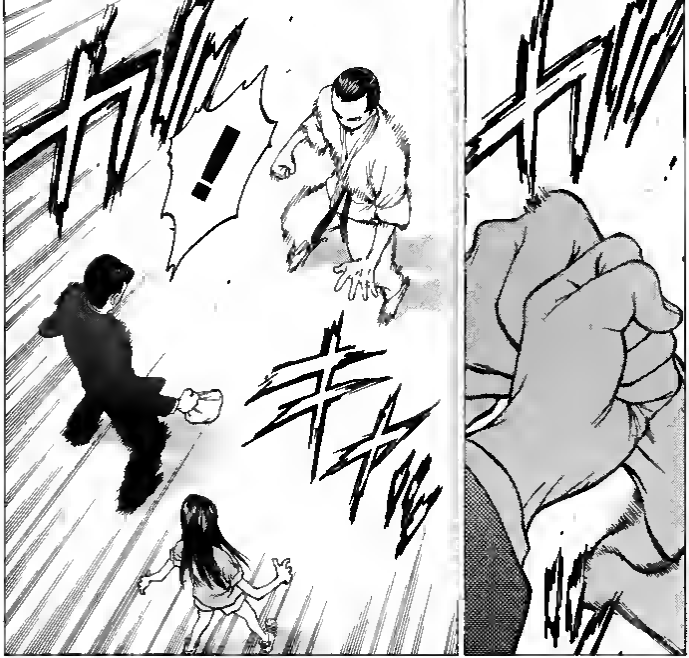
I'M SO HUNGRY
SIGHHH
I GUESS YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T RUN AROUND WITHOUT BREAK-FAST...

-crack-
-crack-

!

KYAA AA!!

HE'S ANGRY TOO BECAUSE OF HIS LACK OF BREAK-FAST
OH
WELL, IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR MAKING ME COME
THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE THIS TIME!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR DAMNABLE RUNNING AND HIDING
HE'S TOTALLY OFF THE DEEP END NOW
CRAP, HE'S SERIOUS!
THIS COULD BE BAD
HERE WE GO
PREPARE YOURSELF
ARYAAAAA!
DEY!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K... KITANO-KUN'S FATHER...
STAY BACK
LEAVE THIS TO ME!
!?
HURRY!

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!!
N-NO, I...
HUH...?
YES, DEAR!
AND FIND A SAFE LOCATION WELL REMOVED FROM HERE!
LEAVE THIS MUSTACHIOED MUSCLE-BOUND LUNK TO ME,
HUH?
WAIT, YOU DON'T-
HUH?
YOU HAVE TO STAY BACK! LEAVE THIS UP TO MY HUSBAND.
AH!
!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A MUSTA-CHIOED, MUSCLE-BOUND LUNK?!
WH-
WHO ARE YOU
M-
MUSTA-
CHIOED,
MUSCLE-BOUND LUNK

!
TIME FOR ME TO SETTLE OUR OLD SCORE!
IT IS A STROKE OF FATE THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER AGAIN!
I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED YOU FROM SOMEWHERE!
NOW I KNOW YOU...
YOU'RE THAT YAKUZA FROM THE PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS!
!!

!!
!
DORYA!
HEY AAA!
HAA!
YOU'RE MINE!!
N... NO! WE HAVE TO STOP HIM! FATHER'S GONE BERSERK! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
DON'T WORRY, FATHER'S JUST FINE
N... NO, I DON'T MEAN...

AAH!

ALL RIGHT! I DID IT!
!
YOU SEE THAT?! THAT'S THE POWER OF KOISO-STYLE KOBUJUTSU!
IF THIS HAS TAUGHT YOU ANYTHING, YOU'LL MEND YOUR WICKED WAYS AND COME CLEAN!
WAHA HAHAH AAA!
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H... HONEY!
KITANO-KUN'S FATHER...
AH... AH...
UGH...
NNG...
HUH...? B-BUT... YOUR FACE IT'S COVERED IN BLOOD
HUH?
THAT'S ODD I DON'T FEEL ANY PAIN ANYWHERE
MM... HUH?
H... HONEY
I'M FINE
I'M JUST A BIT SHOCKED, THAT'S ALL

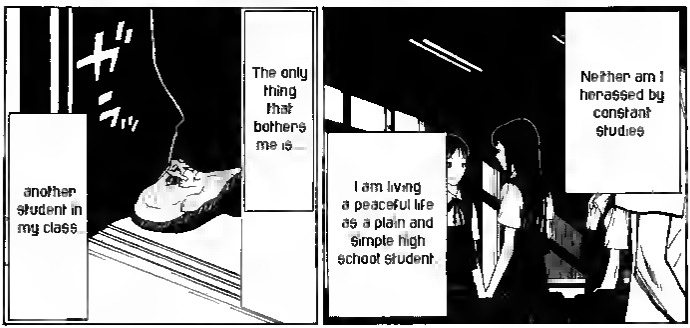
!
!
B-BUT...
I MUST HAVE BEEN HOLDING ON TO THIS AFTER I BOUGHT THE HOT DOGS
OH, I SEE
KETCHUP —?
WHEN I WAS KNOCKED OVER, I SUPPOSE I ACCIDENTALLY SQUEEZED IT A BIT.
NOW YOUR CLOTHES ARE RUINED
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT...
I...
!
I'M SO SORRY...
I...

WOULD YOU LIKE A HOT DOG, YOUNG LADY?
HOW ABOUT IT?
!
WHAT? WAS THAT FUNNY?
HEEHEE-HEE...
I MEAN WITH YOUR FACE ALL COVERED IN KETCHUP...

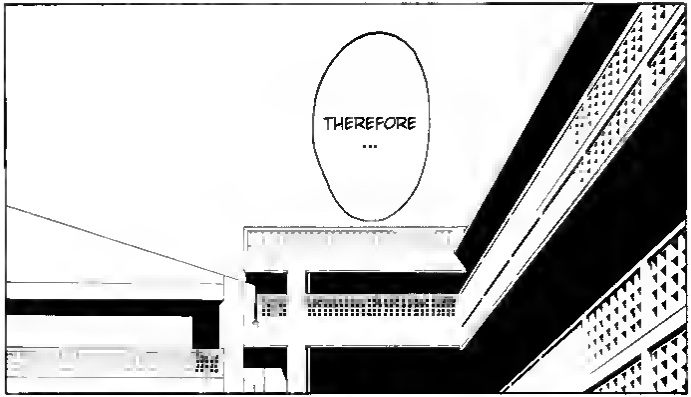
KITANO-KUN IS THEIR SON NO WONDER HE TURNED OUT THAT WAY...
OF COURSE
THIS EXPLAINS A WHOLE LOT
.....
OF COURSE I AM! HEE HEE HEE!
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT
HAHAHA
TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM, NOW
I HOPE YOU'LL STAY GOOD FRIENDS WITH SEIICHIRO.
I MEAN, ASSUMING YOU LIKE HOT DOGS...
PLEASE, DON'T HOLD BACK
HUH?
I MEAN... UH THANK YOU VERY MUCH
!!
ARE YOU HOME OR NOT?!
RYOKOOOO! WHERE ARE YOUUU?!
WHAT ABOUT MY BREAK-FAST?!
I WILL!

Side Story - Student Saeki Yumi Panics Part 2*

and because it doesn't feed into any colleges, the students give every appearance of simply enjoying their high school lives.
My school is comparatively relaxed with its traditions,


another student in my class
The only thing that bothers me is...
I am living a peaceful life as a plain and simple high school student
Neither am I harassed by constant studies

The final boss, the human weapon, Kirano Seiichiro.
The first-year guardian of Hekikuu High.
番外編
女生徒
佐伯祐美の恐慌
その2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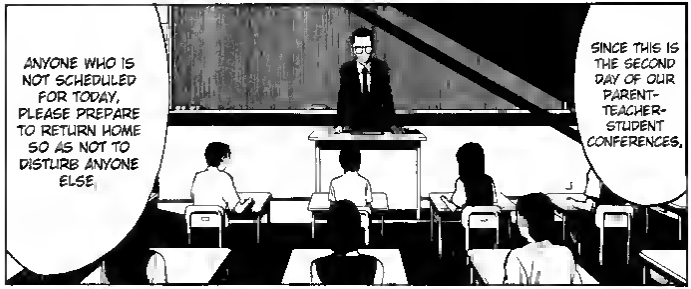
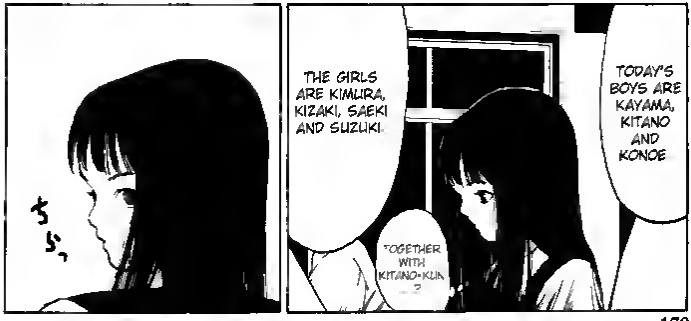

ANYONE WHO IS NOT SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, PLEASE PREPARE TO RETURN HOME SO AS NOT TO DISTURB ANYONE ELSE.
SINCE THIS IS THE SECOND DAY OF OUR PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES,


TODAY'S BOYS ARE KAYAMA, KITANO AND KONOE
THE GIRLS ARE KIMURA, KIZAKI, SAEKI AND SUZUKI.
TOGETHER WITH KITANO-KUN ...?

I WONDER IF HE REALLY IS A BAD PERSON AFTER ALL...?
BUT I DON'T HEAR AS MANY TERRIBLE RUMORS AS BEFORE...
HIS FACE NEVER STOPS BEING SCARY...
AS MUCH AS I THINK I'VE GOTTEN USED TO HIM.
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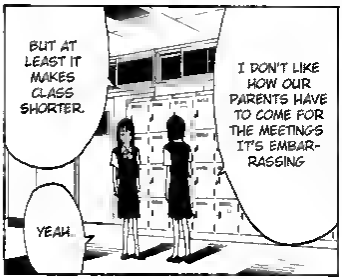
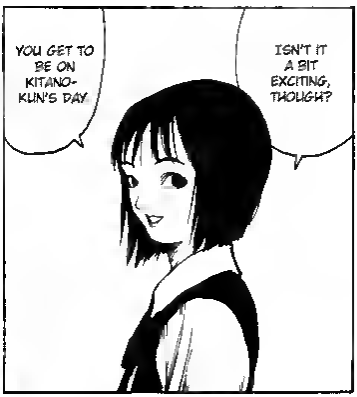
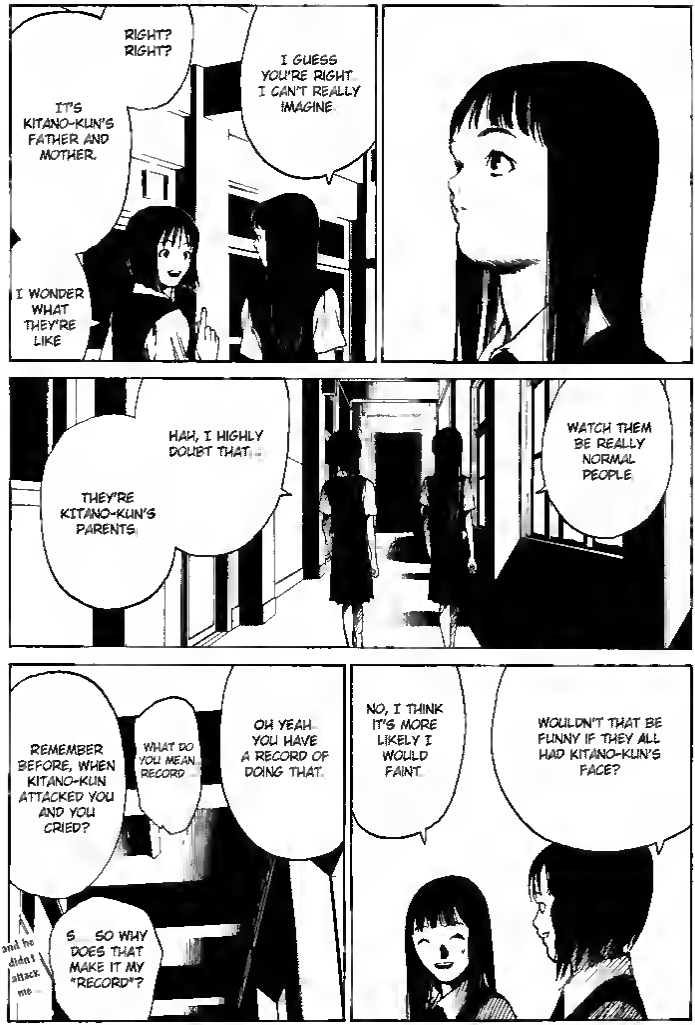
OKAY.
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER
YOU HAVE YOUR MEETING TODAY, RIGHT?

YUUUUM!
MAKO!


BUT AT LEAST IT MAKES CLASS SHORTER.
I DON'T LIKE HOW OUR PARENTS HAVE TO COME FOR THE MEETINGS IT'S EMBARRASSING
YEAH.

WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S HIS FATHER OR MOTHER WHO WILL COME,
HUH?
BUT AREN'T YOU INTERESTED TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE LIKE?


YOU GET TO BE ON KITANO-KUN'S DAY.
ISN'T IT A BIT EXCITING, THOUGH?


RIGHT? RIGHT?
IT'S KITANO-KUN'S FATHER AND MOTHER.
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE LIKE
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. I CAN'T REALLY IMAGINE.
HAH, I HIGHLY DOUBT THAT...
THEY'RE KITANO-KUN'S PARENTS.
WATCH THEM BE REALLY NORMAL PEOPLE.
REMEMBER BEFORE, WHEN KITANO-KUN ATTACKED YOU AND YOU CRIED?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN RECORD...
OH YEAH. YOU HAVE A RECORD OF DOING THAT.
S SO WHY DOES THAT MAKE IT MY "RECORD"?
and he didn't attack me...
NO, I THINK IT'S MORE LIKELY I WOULD FAINT.
WOULDN'T THAT BE FUNNY IF THEY ALL HAD KITANO-KUN'S FACE?

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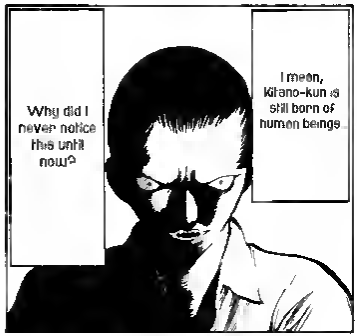
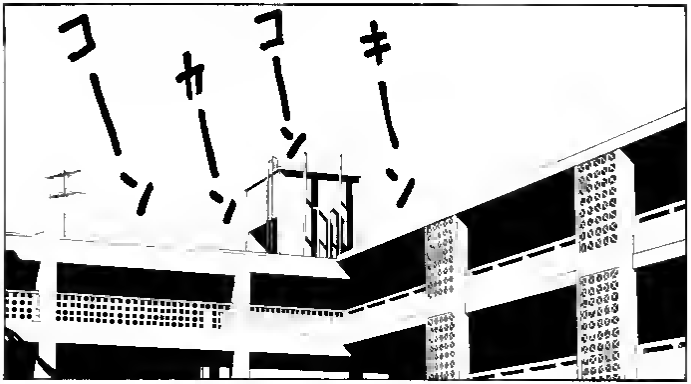

Why did I never notice this until now?
I mean, Kitano-kun is still born of human beings

Like, what kind of person he is
Seeing Kitano-kun's parents might make things fall into place

I might be able to believe in Kitano-kun just a bit
Then I

And I hear a bit of conversation with his parents...
I'm sure if some totally normal people show up ...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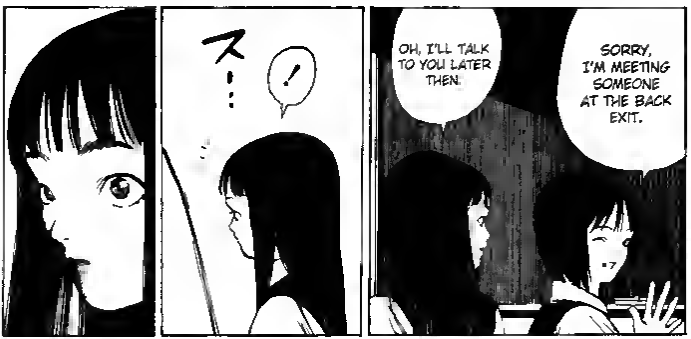
...NOW, THAT SHOULD BE EVERYONE WHO HAS THEIR MEETING TODAY
WELL, WHY DON'T YOU ALL GO AND BRING YOUR PARENTS IN.
OKAY


SORRY, I'M MEETING SOMEONE AT THE BACK EXIT.
OH, I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER THEN.
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YEAH
WE'RE THE FIFTH ONES
ARE WE OKAY FOR TIME?

I'M SORRY I PICKED OUT A BAD SPOT TO MEET YOU, FATHER.
NO KIDDING I COULDN'T FIND IT!

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CAN WE RELAX AND LOOK AROUND?
GOOD. WE SHOULD HAVE PLENTY OF TIME, THEN
HUH...?
OH, YEAH
N... NO! H... HE'S NOT LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE NOT LOOKING FOR YOUR SWEETHEART, ARE YOU?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM RESTLESS
HUH?
N-NO.. I'M NOT, ACTUALLY
H... HEY! YUMI, WAIT!
M... MY CLASS IS JUST STRAIGHT DOWN THAT WAY, SO YOU CAN GO ON AHEAD!
S-SORRY, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK...
AH!
H... HEEE ...?
So it WAS a girl
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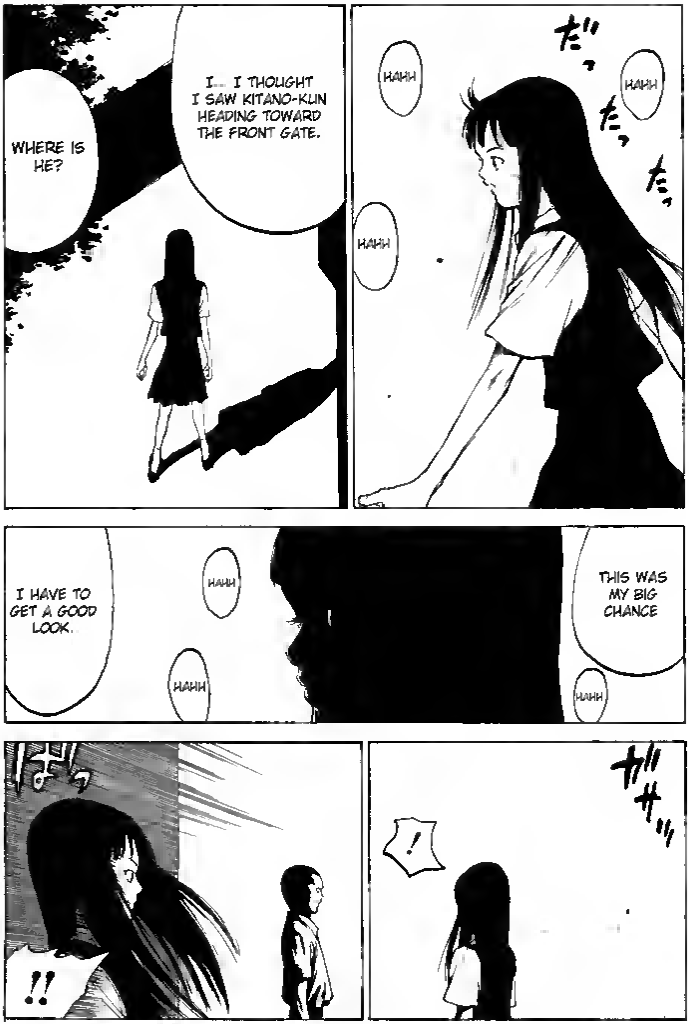
WHERE IS HE?
I... I THOUGHT I SAW KITANO-KUN HEADING TOWARD THE FRONT GATE.
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I HAVE TO GET A GOOD LOOK.
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THIS WAS MY BIG CHANCE
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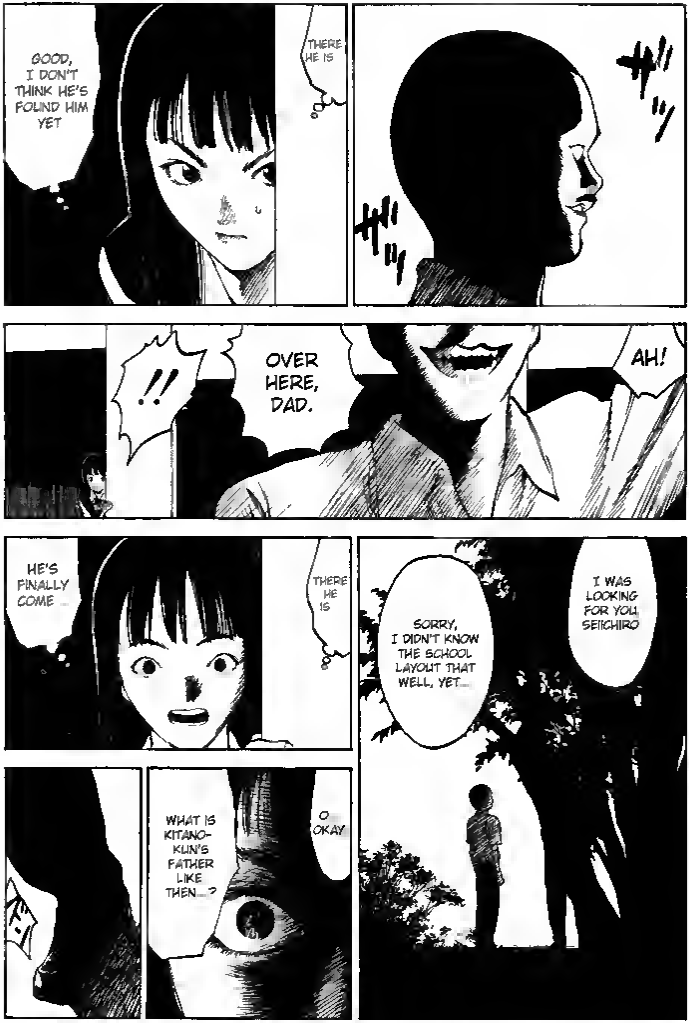
GOOD, I DON'T THINK HE'S FOUND HIM YET
THERE HE IS
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OVER HERE, DAD.
AH!
HE'S FINALLY COME...
THERE HE IS
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU, SEIICHIRO
SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW THE SCHOOL LAYOUT THAT WELL, YET...
O OKAY
WHAT IS KITANO-KUN'S FATHER LIKE THEN...?

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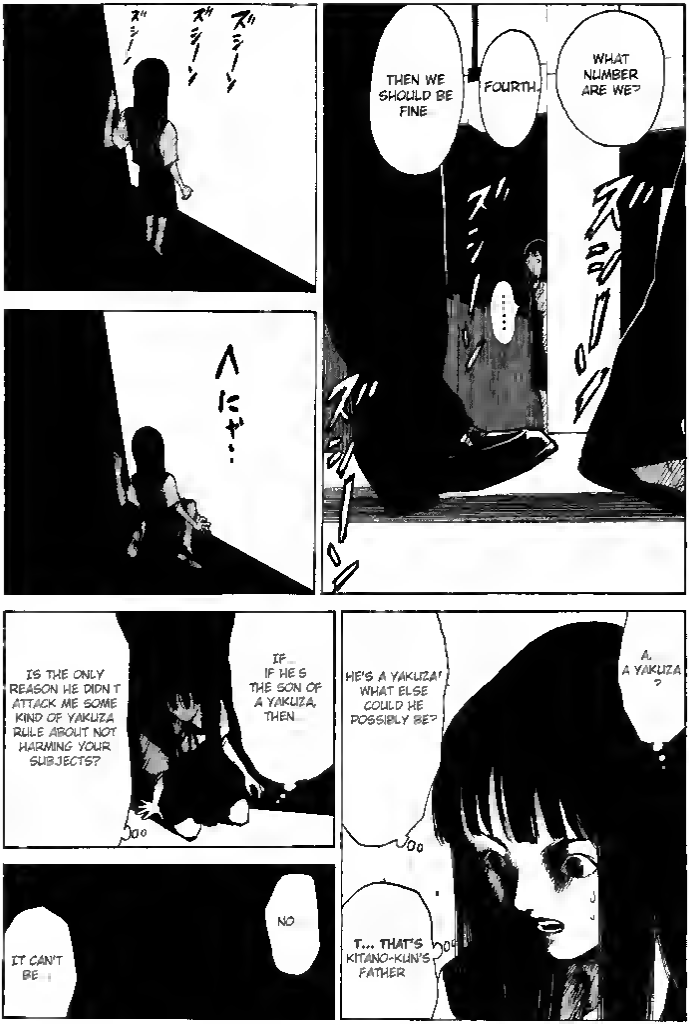
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WHAT NUMBER ARE WE?
FOURTH.
THEN WE SHOULD BE FINE
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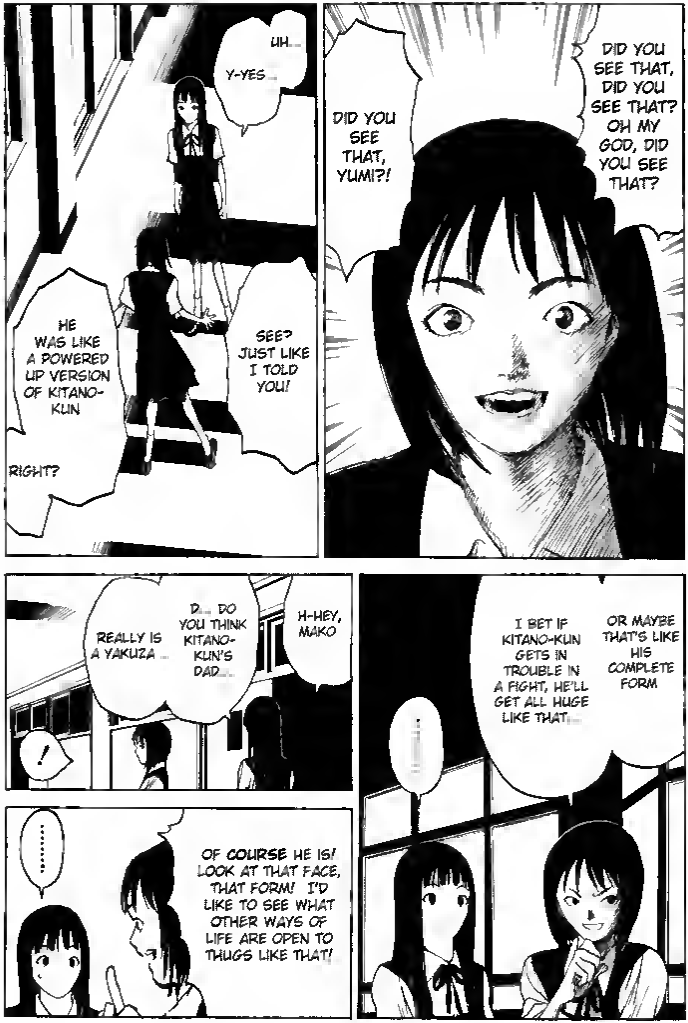
A, A YAKUZA?
HE'S A YAKUZA! WHAT ELSE COULD HE POSSIBLY BE?
T... THAT'S KITANO-KUN'S FATHER
IF... IF HE'S THE SON OF A YAKUZA, THEN...
IS THE ONLY REASON HE DIDN'T ATTACK ME SOME KIND OF YAKUZA RULE ABOUT NOT HARMING YOUR SUBJECTS?
NO
IT CAN'T BE!


UH...
Y-YES...
HE WAS LIKE A POWERED UP VERSION OF KITANO-KUN
RIGHT?
SEE? JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU!
DID YOU SEE THAT, YUMI?!
DID YOU SEE THAT, DID YOU SEE THAT? OH MY GOD, DID YOU SEE THAT?
H-HEY, MAKO
D... DO YOU THINK KITANO-KUN'S DAD...
REALLY IS A YAKUZA...
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I BET IF KITANO-KUN GETS IN TROUBLE IN A FIGHT, HE'LL GET ALL HUGE LIKE THAT...
OR MAYBE THAT'S LIKE HIS COMPLETE FORM
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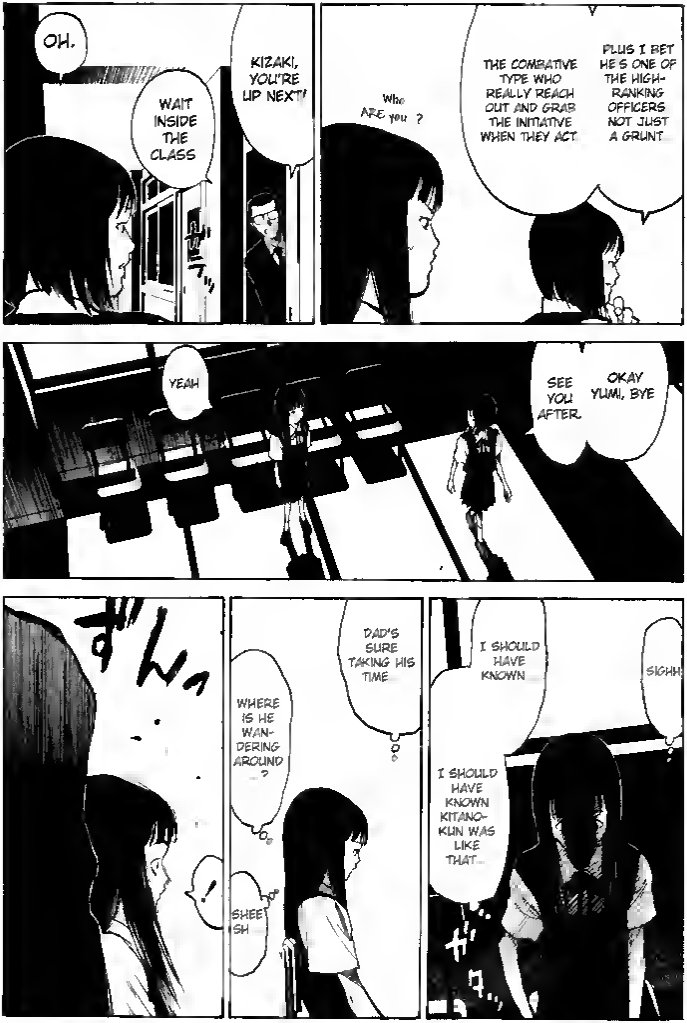
OF COURSE HE IS! LOOK AT THAT FACE, THAT FORM! I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT OTHER WAYS OF LIFE ARE OPEN TO THUGS LIKE THAT!


OH.
KIZAKI, YOU'RE UP NEXT!
WAIT INSIDE THE CLASS
Who ARE you ?
THE COMPATIVE TYPE WHO REALLY REACH OUT AND GRAB THE INITIATIVE WHEN THEY ACT
PLUS I BET HE'S ONE OF THE HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS NOT JUST A GRUNT
YEAH
SEE YOU AFTER
OKAY YUMI, BYE
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SHEESH
WHERE IS HE WANDERING AROUND...?
DAD'S SURE TAKING HIS TIME...
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN...
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN KITANO-KUN WAS LIKE THAT...
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AGH...
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TH-TH-THIS WOULD HAPPEN
I... I...
I... I DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
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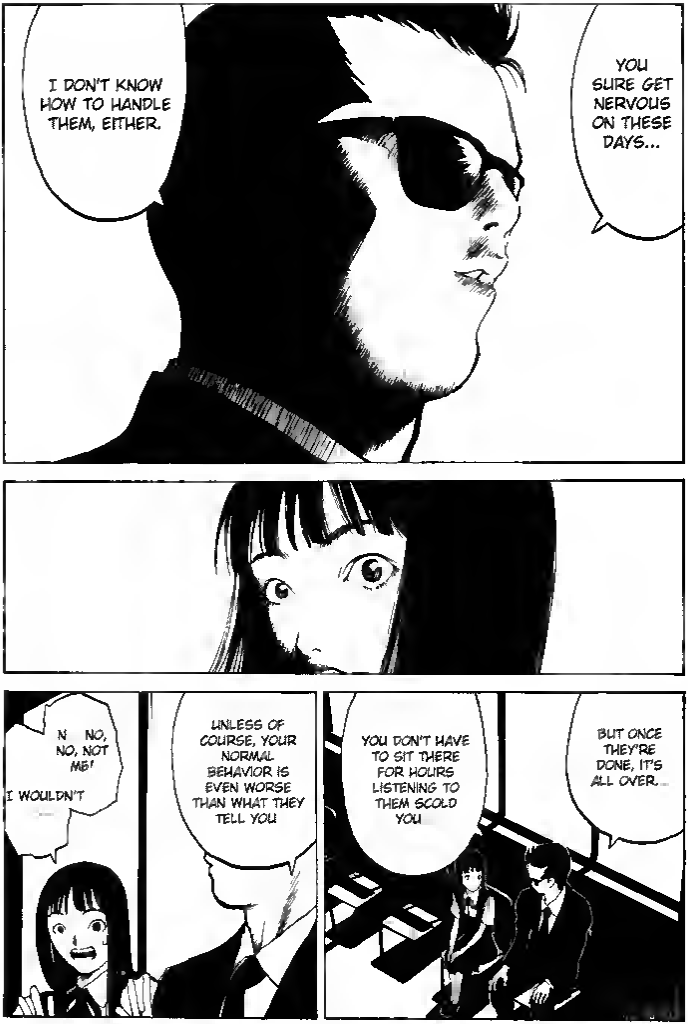
...DOESN'T IT...
I'M SORRY
PLEASE, DAD
SAVE ME
I'VE BEEN A TERRIBLE GIRL!


I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THEM, EITHER.
YOU SURE GET NERVOUS ON THESE DAYS...
N NO, NO, NOT ME!
I WOULDN'T
UNLESS OF COURSE, YOUR NORMAL BEHAVIOR IS EVEN WORSE THAN WHAT THEY TELL YOU
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIT THERE FOR HOURS LISTENING TO THEM SCOLD YOU
BUT ONCE THEY'RE DONE, IT'S ALL OVER...

JUST SIT THERE AND IT'LL BE OVER SOON
THEN YOU'LL BE FINE
WELL KITANO-SAN, YOU'RE NEXT. COME ON IN.
ALL RIGHT
カリ...
OH, THERE YOU ARE SEIICHIRO
DAD
カリラ...
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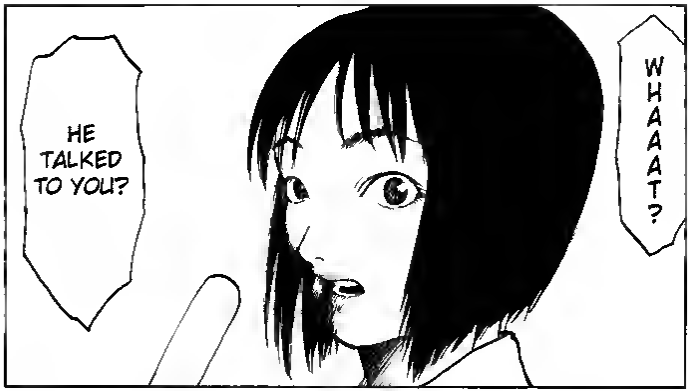
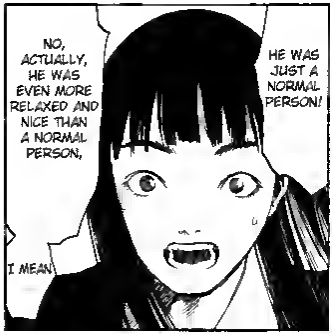
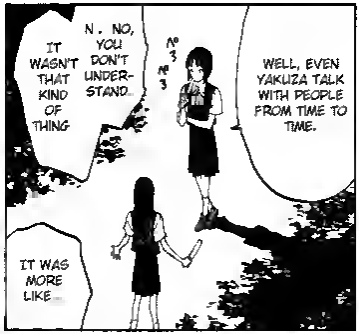
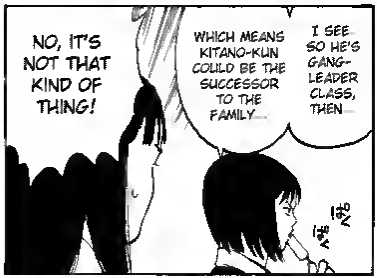
YEAH, THAT WAS CLOSE.
GOOD THING I JUST BARELY MADE IT BACK IN TIME
WELL, I'VE GOT TO GO.
OH...
R-RIGHT.


WHAAAT?
HE TALKED TO YOU?


HE WAS JUST A NORMAL PERSON!
NO, ACTUALLY, HE WAS EVEN MORE RELAXED AND NICE THAN A NORMAL PERSON,
I MEAN...


WELL, EVEN YAKUZA TALK WITH PEOPLE FROM TIME TO TIME.
N... NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...
IT WASN'T THAT KIND OF THING
IT WAS MORE LIKE...


I SEE... SO HE'S GANG-LEADER CLASS, THEN...
WHICH MEANS KITANO-KUN COULD BE THE SUCCESSOR TO THE FAMILY...
NO, IT'S NOT THAT KIND OF THING!

HE'S PROBABLY JUST A NICE PEACEFUL NORMAL PERSON, LIKE HIS FATHER
E... EVEN IF KITANO-KUN LOOKS THAT WAY,
SO WHAT IS IT, THEN?
IF IT JUST SO HAPPENED THAT KITANO-KUN'S DAD WAS A NORMAL GUY, WHAT WOULD THAT MEAN?
IT... IT MEANS...
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B... BUT, JUST THINK,
EVERYONE BELIEVES KITANO-KUN IS A TERRIBLE PERSON JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID OF HIS LOOKS...
THAT'S TOO HARD TO ACCEPT...
ALL RIGHT, IF IT MEANS THAT MUCH TO YOU
WE'RE JUST GOING TO SAY THAT AND GO
YEAH.
THANKS, MAKO!
JUST SAY, THANKS FOR THE OTHER TIME...
S... SO COME WITH ME...
PLEASE?
PLEASE, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TALK TO HIM

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SO,
WHY ARE WE RUNNING LIKE THIS?
B-BECAUSE THE MEETING BETWEEN THE PARENTS IS ALMOST OVER!
WE HAVE TO HURRY, OR...
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THEN KITANO-KUN MUST BE...
I KNEW IT! IF HIS FATHER LOOKS LIKE THAT AND IS ACTUALLY NICE...
MUST BE
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WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT...
THAT WE HAVE TO...
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EEEK!
I KNOCKED YOUR SUNGLA.
I.. I'M SORRY!
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CARELESS, MYSELF...
I WAS BEING ...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
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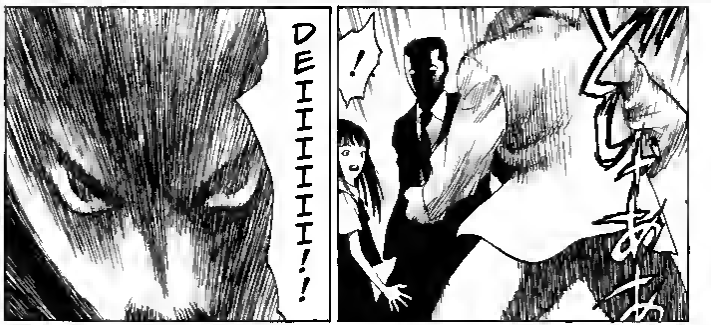
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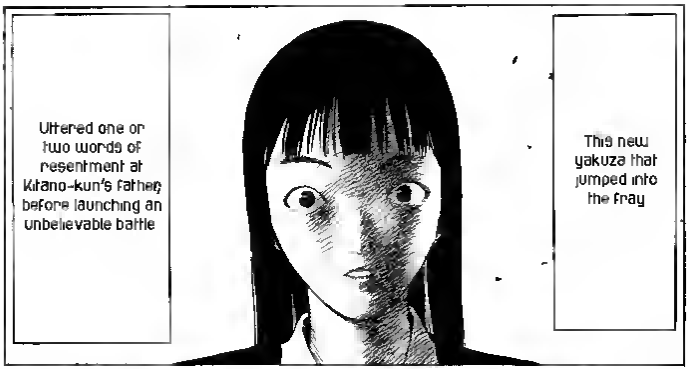
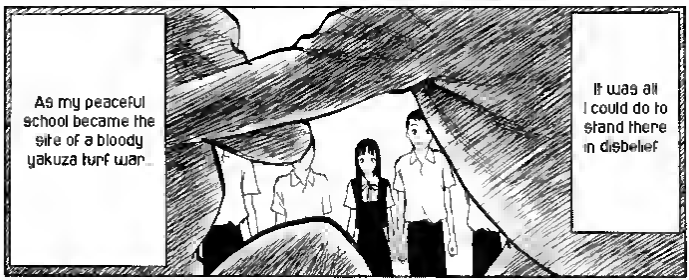
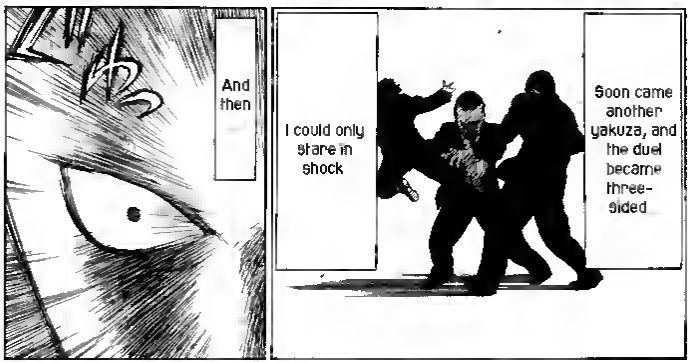
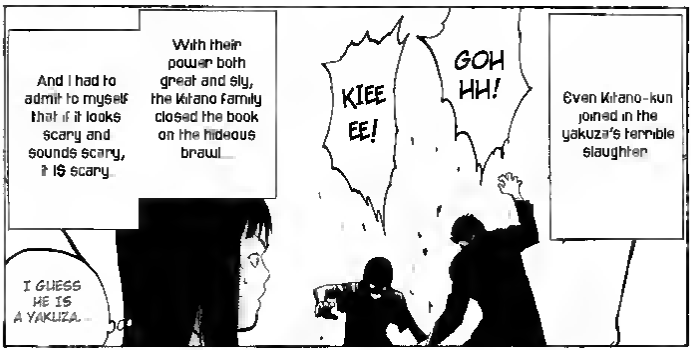

Uttered one or two words of resentment at Kitano-kun's father before launching an unbelievable battle
This new yakuza that jumped into the fray


As my peaceful school became the site of a bloody yakuza turf war...
It was all I could do to stand there in disbelief


And then...
I could only stare in shock
Soon came another yakuza, and the duel became three-sided...


And I had to admit to myself that if it looks scary and sounds scary, it IS scary...
With their power both great and sly, the Kitano family closed the book on the hideous brawl...
KIEE EE!
GOH HH!
Even Kitano-kun joined in the yakuza's terrible slaughter
I GUESS HE IS A YAKUZA...

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